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U.S. President Barack Obama, left, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, center, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, right, shake hands at the start of their meeting at the G-20 Summit in Brisbane, Australia, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

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Video:

Islamic State beheads US aid worker Peter Kassig

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Islamic State group released a video Sunday of a masked militant standing over a severed head it claimed was Peter Kassig, a former U.S. soldier-turned-aid worker who was taken hostage while delivering relief supplies to Syrians caught in that country's brutal civil war.

Hours later, the White House confirmed Kassig's death after a review of the video, which also showed the mass beheadings of a dozen Syrian soldiers.

The 26-year-old Kassig, a former Army Ranger who returned to the Middle East to help wounded and displaced Syrians, "was taken from us in an act of pure evil by a terrorist group that the world rightly associates with inhumanity," President Barack Obama said in a statement.

He denounced the extremist group, which he said "revels in the slaughter of innocents, including Muslims, and is bent only on sowing death and destruction."

With Kassig's death, the Islamic State group has killed five Westerners it was holding. American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff were beheaded, as were British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning.

Unlike previous videos of slain Western hostages, the footage released Sunday did not show the decapitation of Kassig or the moments leading up to his

death.

"This is Peter Edward Kassig, a U.S. citizen ... who fought against the Muslims in Iraq," said the black-clad militant, who spoke with a British accent that was distorted in the video, apparently to disguise his identity.

the title of its English-language propaganda magazine and where they believe an apocalyptic battle between Muslims and their enemies will occur.

The high-definition video also showed the beheadings of about a dozen men

the Islamic State group in airstrikes, supporting Western-backed Syrian rebels, Kurdish fighters and the Iraqi military.

Kassig, who served in the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, a special operations unit, deployed to

he converted to Islam in captivity and took the first name Abdul-Rahman.

In a statement issued as he flew back to Washington after a trip to the Asia-Pacific region, Obama said Kassig "was a humanitarian who worked to save the lives of Syrians injured and dispossessed" by war. The president offered prayers and condolences to Kassig's family. "We cannot begin to imagine their anguish at this painful time," he said.

Kassig's family said in a statement that it preferred "our son is written about and remembered for his important work and the love he shared with friends and family, not in the manner the hostage takers would use to manipulate Americans and further their cause."

Burhan Agha, a Syrian who worked with Kassig in Lebanon, and who moved to Switzerland to seek asylum, wept when recounting his friend's humanitarian work. "If I could apologize to each American, one by one, I would, because Peter died in Syria, while he was helping the Syrian people," Agha told The Associated Press by telephone. "Those who killed him claimed to have done it in the name of Islam. I am a Muslim and am from Syria. ... (His killers) are not Muslims."

British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was "horrified by the cold-blooded murder," saying that the Islamic State group had "again shown their depravity."



This undated photo provided by the Kassig Family shows Peter Kassig delivering supplies for Syrian refugees. A new graphic video purportedly produced by Islamic State militants in Syria released Sunday Nov. 16, 2014 claims U.S. aid worker Kassig was beheaded.

(AP Photo/Courtesy Kassig Family)

Previous videos featured a militant with a British accent that the FBI says it has identified, though it hasn't named him publicly.

The video appeared on websites used in the past by the Islamic State group, which now controls a third of Syria and Iraq.

The footage released Sunday identifies the militants' location as Dabiq, a town in northern Syria that the Islamic State group uses as

identified as Syrian military officers and pilots, all dressed in blue jumpsuits. The black-clad militant warns that U.S. soldiers will meet a similar fate.

"We say to you, Obama: ... You claim to have withdrawn from Iraq four years ago," the militant said. "Here you are: You have not withdrawn. Rather, you hid some of your forces behind your proxies." A U.S.-led coalition is targeting

Iraq in 2007. After being medically discharged, he returned to the Middle East in 2012 and formed an aid organization, Special Emergency Response and Assistance, to aid Syrian refugees.

A certified EMT, Kassig had delivered food and medical supplies and provided trauma care to wounded Syrians before being captured in eastern Syria on Oct. 1, 2013. Friends say



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Obama: 'Strong Week for American Leadership'

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Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)

— Eager to deflect the lame-duck label, President Barack Obama touted his unexpectedly productive swing through the Asia Pacific as a "strong week for American leadership" that resulted in deals with China and other regional powers on issues like climate change, trade and economic growth.

But even before Air Force One departed Australia, where Obama attended the Group of 20 economic forum, the president already was eyeing confrontations in Washington with congressional Republicans on immigration and the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

The president showed no sign of backing down on his plans to issue executive orders on immigration that will shield possibly around 5 million immigrants living in the country illegally from deportation. Obama has pledged to act before the end of the year. He said his timing would not be affected by threats from some Republicans who say they'll try to include measures to block the orders in



U.S. President Barack Obama, center, with European leaders during their meeting at G20 Summit to discuss transatlantic trade and the situation in Ukraine, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 in Brisbane, Australia.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

must-pass spending bills — a step that could lead to a government shutdown.

"I take Mitch McConnell at his word that the government is not going to shut down," Obama said of the Kentucky Republican and incoming Senate majority leader who has previously rejected talk of a shutdown. Obama repeated

his pledge to abandon his executive orders if House Republicans were to quickly hold a vote on comprehensive immigration legislation that passed the Senate earlier this year.

Taking on another area of tension between the White House and Republicans, the president all but threatened to veto congressio-

nal legislation that seeks to force construction of an oil pipeline from Canada to Texas. The House passed a bill last week and the Senate is expected to move on the measure in the coming days.

The Keystone pipeline has been a pet project for Republicans for the past several years.

But now some members of Obama's own Democratic party see a political incentive in forcing a vote, most notably Sen. Mary Landrieu of oil and gas-producing Louisiana who faces a December runoff with her Republican challenger in the midterm elections.

With all of these domestic issues in mind, Obama has appeared to relish in being away from Washington this week, embracing his ability to strike deals with foreign leaders that don't require approval from Congress. The crowning achievement of his trip was an agreement with China to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, marking the first time Beijing has outlined such a plan.

Obama also highlighted the agreement among the G20 leaders to boost global gross domestic product by more than \$2 trillion over five years by investing in infrastructure and increasing trade. □



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Hopes, fears as health law sign-up season opens



From left, Christy An, Pamela Lyons and Deborah Stanley sit at the welcome table as they wait to answer questions during a Washington Healthplanfinder sign-up event at Westfield Southcenter in Tukwila, Wash., Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014.

(AP Photo/The Seattle Times, Lindsey Wasson)

RICARDO ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The second sign-up season under President Barack Obama's signature health care overhaul opened Saturday, with hopes that this time consumers will have a positive experience.

But the fear is that entrenched political opposition and renewed legal challenges may yet collapse the program that's bringing health care to millions of previously uninsured Americans. The administration can't afford another technology meltdown.

With 7 million paying customers in new insurance markets, the Affordable Care Act has shown it is helping to reduce the number of uninsured. Insurers, not known for altruism, have stuck with the fledgling program despite ongoing technical headaches with the HealthCare.gov website. More companies are participating for 2015, a sign they see a business opportunity.

Obama urged consumers, whether they currently buy coverage through the insurance markets or still need to sign up for a plan, to go to the health care website and review their options. He said they could end up saving money or finding a better plan, and urged them to act fast since the enrollment period closes Feb. 15.

"This window won't stay open forever. You only have three months to shop for plans, so it's worth starting right away. And it might make a big difference for your family's bottom line," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address, which the White House released as the president visited Brisbane, Australia.

The HealthCare.gov website, where people can sign up and search for coverage, appeared to be running smoothly Saturday. It was revamped to handle last season's peak loads and beyond.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell tweeted that the website

opened shortly after 1 a.m., with more than 23,000 people submitting applications within the first eight hours. She said 1.2 million unique visitors looked at coverage using the site's window-shopping tool last week.

The Obama administration aims to have 9.1 million paying customers enrolled in 2015. That's well below the 13 million that the Congressional Budget Office had projected.

But the Affordable Care Act, which is popularly known as "Obamacare," is still struggling to win hearts and minds. The latest Associated Press-GfK poll finds that, if forced to choose between repealing the law and implementing it as written, 56 percent of Americans would repeal it completely. Only 41 percent would carry it out.

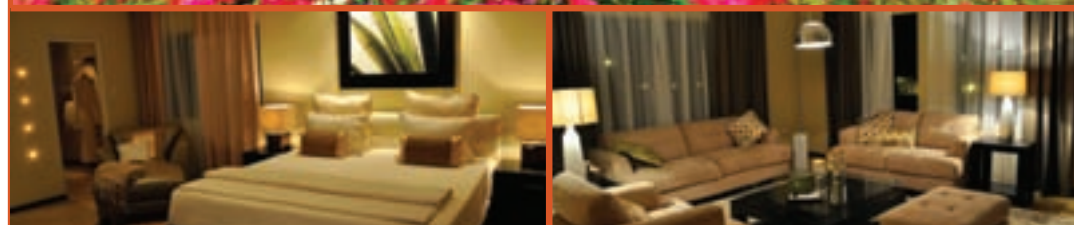
However, most don't see the law going away. Sixty-one percent said they expect it to be implemented in its current form, or something near that.

Burwell, a management expert assigned to save what's been a problem child of social programs, says she's confident the sign-up season will be successful, even if it's only half as long as last year's.

Burwell said the Obama administration will not let Republicans, who will control both chambers of Congress in January, repeal the law.

In another threat to the program, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case challenging the government subsidies that help millions of low- and middle-income people afford their health insurance premiums. The legal challenge maintains that under a literal reading of the law passed by Congress, financial aid can only be provided in states that have set up their own health insurance coverages but not in states using the federal exchanges.

Burwell said that the subsidies in the form of tax credits will continue for the time being. The Supreme Court isn't likely to hear the case until the spring. □



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Police: Man killed by train was pushed onto tracks

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NEW YORK - A 61-year-old man standing with his wife on a Bronx subway platform on Sunday morning was pushed into the path of an oncoming train and killed, the police said.

A man believed to be the assailant fled on a local bus, the police said, and was still at large Sunday afternoon.

Surveillance video was still being scrutinized, but the police said other evidence made clear that the victim, identified by the police as Wai Kuen Kwok, had not fallen on the tracks by accident or jumped into the path of the train.

The motorman on the southbound D train told detectives that the man's body suddenly flew in front of the train as it entered the station at 167th Street, the police said.

The assailant left the station and boarded a nearby bus, the Bx35, the police said.

But as of late Sunday morning, no one interviewed by detectives had seen the moment when the man went onto the tracks of the southbound D train about 8:45 a.m., and no video had been located, the police said.

Alfredo Brown, 36, who was in the station on his way to church Sunday morning, said he heard two men fighting. "I heard it; there was a commotion."



A medical examiner's office employee walks out of the 167th Street subway station, where a 61-year-old man was killed, in New York, Nov. 16, 2014. The man, standing with his wife on a Bronx subway platform on Sunday morning, was pushed into the path of an oncoming train and killed, the police said. A man believed to be the assailant fled on a local bus and is still at large.

(Robert Stolarik/The New York Times)

The victim's wife, 59, who was not injured, was taken to Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center for observation. By Sunday afternoon, detectives at the 44th Precinct station house were interviewing the woman, who speaks Cantonese, with the assistance of family members.

The couple's apartment is a few blocks from the station and they had been on their way downtown to Chinatown for breakfast.

The last time a subway rider died after being pushed onto the tracks was December 2012, when a woman shoved a man into the path of a 7 train along an elevated stretch in Queens. The woman, Erika Menendez, was charged with murder as a hate crime in the death of the man, an Indian immigrant.

State Dept computers hacked, email shut down

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The State Department has taken the unprecedented step of shutting down its entire unclassified email system as technicians repair possible damage from a suspected hacker attack. A senior department official said Sunday that "activity of concern" was detected in the system around the same time as a previously reported incident that tar-

geted the White House computer network. That incident was made public in late October, but there was no indication then that the State Department had been affected. Since then, a number of agencies, including the U.S. Postal Service and the National Weather Service, have reported attacks.

The official said none of the State Department's classified systems were affected.


However, the official said the department shut down its worldwide email late on Friday as part of a scheduled outage of some of its internet-linked systems to make security improvements to its main unclassified computer network. The official was not authorized to speak about the matter by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the department expects that all of its systems will be operating as


normal in the near future, but would not discuss who might be responsible for the breach.

Earlier attacks have been blamed on Russian or Chinese attackers, although their origin has never been publicly confirmed.


The State Department is expected to address the shut-down once the security improvements have been completed on Monday or Tuesday.



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Republican Stands Tall in Democratic Maryland

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DUNDALK, Maryland - Um, Larry who?

Among the many surprise victories in the midterm Republican tsunami, perhaps the biggest unfolded here in Maryland when Larry Hogan, a largely unknown real estate executive, trounced a Democratic lieutenant governor in a state only slightly less blue than the Aegean Sea.

The perfect political alchemy of national mood, low voter turnout, the languid campaign of his opponent, Anthony G. Brown, and his own strong grass-roots base gave Hogan a decisive 4-point victory in the race for governor, even as other Democrats in the state prevailed.

On Thursday, as part of what is planned as a month-long bus tour through the state, Hogan popped into the Boulevard Diner in this inner-ring suburb of Baltimore. "I voted for Larry because he's going to work on some of these taxes and tolls that are killing us," said Carl Hobson, a Democrat who enthusiastically greeted the governor-elect.

He was mobbed by well-wishers as he walked into a side room of the diner. "I'm keeping my eye on you," said one middle-aged woman as she moved in for a snuggle.

"Baltimore County is the one that made it happen," Hogan said, moving through the throngs.

Asked about his partisan disadvantage, Hogan said,



Larry Hogan, the Republican governor-elect of Maryland, with supporters at a diner in Dundalk, Md., Nov. 13, 2014. A perfect political alchemy of low voter turnout, a languid campaign by his Democratic opponent and his own strong grass-roots base gave Hogan a decisive victory, even as Democrats prevailed in other races around the state.

(Matt Roth/The New York Times)

doubt impede him. One of Hogan's first moves was to appoint a former Democratic official to oversee budget and tax policy.

Many of Hogan's policy views remain largely a mystery. Since election night, he has been steadfast in refusing to articulate positions until he takes office on other major state issues - like plans for the state's troubled infrastructure or the expansion of Medicaid. During the campaign, despite Democrats' efforts to suggest he would undo Maryland's new gun control laws or challenge abortion rights, Hogan steered clear of social issues, saying he would respect Maryland's current laws.

Instead, Hogan focused almost singularly on the state's tax rates, making somewhat elastic claims that taxes had gone up 40 times in the last eight years, which his opponent, Brown, did little to counter. He also zeroed in on the state's poor recent record in economic development, promising repeatedly to cut state spending and, later, taxes.

The number of voters who pulled the lever for Democrats for Congress yet voted for Hogan for governor was "greater than 20 percent," said John T. Willis a professor of government and public policy at the University of Baltimore. "He wisely did not talk about any of the divisive social issues."

Hogan enjoys saying that he is "not a politician," but the reality is somewhat more nuanced. He ran against Rep. Steny H. Hoyer in 1992, the only tough re-election battle Hoyer ever had. Further, his father Larry Hogan Sr., was a member of the House from 1969 to 1975 and served as Prince George's County executive from 1978 to 1982; Hogan worked for his father in his latter role.

"We worked together on things," said Maloney, who was a lawmaker at the time, noting that the two helped restructure the county government while both were in their early 20s. □

"I'm going to put together a bipartisan administration," saying that he had spent his entire life working with Democrats and that he had already met with the presiding officers of the state legislature. "Everybody realizes that the state is a fiscal disaster right now." He would not offer specifics on how he would cut taxes and spending at a time of multimillion-dollar structural deficits. "We're pulling together the best minds of the state no matter their party affiliation" to attack it, he said.

Hogan, 58, no doubt, took lessons from the tenure of Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., the last Republican governor of Maryland, for whom Hogan served. Ehrlich, who was elected in 2002 on a campaign that focused on moderation, was sent packing in 2006 after a term marked by acrimony with state Democrats.

"His administration is either going to be a national model of bipartisanship," said Timothy F. Maloney, a lifelong friend of Hogan's and a former Democratic member of the Maryland House of Delegates, "or we will go back to the gratuitous partisanship of Ehrlich and gridlock."

Pressure from both Republicans and Democrats to obstruct the other will no



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Goldman Sachs: Recasting Its Reputation

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A panel of Goldman Sachs employees spent a recent Tuesday night at the Columbia University faculty club trying to convince a packed room of potential recruits that Wall Street, not Silicon Valley, was the place to be for computer scientists.

The Goldman employees knew they had an uphill battle. They were fighting against perceptions of Wall Street as boring and regulation-bound and Silicon Valley as the promised land of flip-flops, beanbag chairs and million-dollar stock options.

Their argument to the room of technologically inclined students was that Wall Street was where they could find far more challenging, diverse and, yes, lucrative jobs working on some of the world's most difficult technical problems. "Whereas in other opportunities you might be considering, it is working one type of data or one type of application, we deal in hundreds of products in hundreds of markets, with thousands or tens of thousands of clients, every day, millions of times of day worldwide," Afsheen Afshar, a managing director at Goldman Sachs, told the students.

The tone of the event at Columbia reflected Goldman's awareness that it had fallen behind in the battle for the hearts and minds of the type of programming talent that is becoming an increasingly essential ingredient for financial firms.

"At a lot of the schools where we recruit, it wasn't top of mind for people with an engineer skills set," said R. Martin Chavez, Goldman's chief information officer, who oversees all of the firm's technology operations. "The engineers would think, 'I will go work for a tech company.'"

The number of high-level programmer-cum-bankers at Goldman - what the firm calls strats - has risen 43 percent, to 1,223 employees, since 2009. The overall

technology division is now the largest division at Goldman, with 8,000 of the firm's 32,000 employees.

Among the 78 people who were named Goldman partners this week, the highest honor at the firm, six were software engineers. But as programmers have become more important to Wall Street, the competition for them has grown more intense. In response, Chavez has made a concerted effort to recast Goldman's reputation among potential recruits since taking over as Goldman's head of technology last year.

The firm rolled out a new, hipper website for engineering recruits in September, with lots of slick graphics. At the Columbia event, the screen at the front of the room had a word cloud showing the cool fields - at least for computer scientists - that Goldman engineers work in, among them "machine learning," "data mining" and "cloud computing." Last month, the firm ran its first Google Hangout for interested computer engineers. Chavez traveled to Boston last month to talk at the first big recruiting event of the year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In all of these events, the bank is fighting old assumptions that the programmers who work for the firm are just back-office employees making sure the computers and phones work. All of the bank's new recruiting materials emphasize that engineers at the firm are involved in its most basic businesses, trading securities and advising companies, developing the same sorts of high-level software that Silicon Valley companies work on.

"I am in a trading team which writes applications and helps traders from the time the trade comes in to the time it gets booked," Neha Srivastava, who works on interest rate products, told the group at Columbia. "This opportunity to really see your code in action is something that is really valuable."

The push within Goldman Sachs is a sign of how things have changed since the financial crisis. A few years back, critics of finance were wringing their hands

about the high proportion of graduates from elite schools like MIT who were going into finance rather than lending their talents to new startups.



Suman Srinivasan, a Goldman Sachs vice president, recruits at Columbia University in New York. Financial recruiters have been fighting against perceptions of Wall Street as boring and regulation-bound and Silicon Valley as the promised land of flip-flops, beanbag chairs and million-dollar stock options.

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Tip on Medicare spurs insider-trading investigation

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With only 20 minutes remaining in the trading day, a Washington-based broker-dealer, Height Securities, blasted out a "flash report" to nearly 200 clients, including some of the biggest hedge funds on Wall Street, predicting that Medicare was about to raise some reimbursement rates.

Within minutes, dozens of investment houses bought the stocks of various health insurance companies, including Humana, sending them soaring ahead of the official announcement from Medicare at around 4:15 that day afternoon.

That was 19 months ago. Today, the email from Height Securities is at the center of a broad investigation into possible insider trading that stretches from within the walls of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to the halls of Congress and onto the sleek trading floors of Wall Street hedge funds. The issue: Did employees inside Medicare as well as

congressional staff members pass along nonpublic information that wound up in the hands of investment firms that used it to make a profit?

To some, the investiga-

tions are an extension of the crackdown on hedge funds and their expert-network information suppliers, which has led to dozens of convictions on Wall Street in recent years.

"In recent years, we've had a lot of spending on big government programs - and when the dollars start flowing, investors notice, and so do regulators," said Scott A. Coffina, a former

mission seeking the emails and phone records of a top staff member, Brian D. Sutter.

Regulators are looking at Sutter's communications with people inside Medicare and to a lobbyist for Humana who later sent an email to an analyst at Height, according to legal documents relating to the subpoena. The Justice Department also subpoenaed Sutter this summer.

At the same time, members of Congress concede that a crowded calendar is likely to prevent action this year on their efforts to tighten up watered-down legislation passed in 2012 to increase disclosures by law firms, broker-dealers and others providing political intelligence and selling Washington insight, analysis and access to Wall Street.

The Humana insider-trading investigation is one of a number of inquiries centered on Medicare and the activities of firms that provide political intelligence.

The political intelligence industry is growing fast, employing 2,000 people by one estimate and collecting as much as \$400 million a year in revenue.

It is also the ultimate revolving-door industry, often hiring former federal employees or top staff members of legislators with thick Rolodexes. They, in turn, use their political ties to glean valuable information that can be used to make investment decisions to sell to hedge funds and other investment firms.

"It's quite a large boutique industry that is set up right on Capitol Hill," said Craig Holman, the government affairs lobbyist for Public Citizen, a nonpartisan ethics group in Washington. □



The lobby of Humana, a health insurance provider headquartered in Louisville, Ky. A broker's "flash report" that triggered a sudden buying spree which sent shares of Humana and other insurers surging on April 1, 2013 is at the center of an insider trading investigation that extends from Wall Street to the halls of Congress.

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But efforts to build an insider-trading case in Washington - where information flows like water through a sieve, quid pro quo deals are cut over morning coffee and anyone can have access to top congressional leadership for a price - are proving challenging. The investigation has been hampered by the refusal of the House Ways and Means Committee to comply with a subpoena issued this spring by the Securities and Exchange Com-



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Officials: Mali on high alert with new Ebola cluster



A health worker sprays disinfectant near a mosque, after the body of a man suspected of dying from the Ebola virus was washed inside before being buried in Bamako, Mali. Already some are criticizing the government for being too slow to react when health authorities had announced his death as a suspected Ebola case earlier in the week.

(AP Photo/Baba Ahmed)

BABA AHMED
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — It all started with a sick nurse, whose positive test for Ebola came only after her death. In a busy clinic that treats Mali's elite as well as wounded U.N. peacekeepers, what patient transmitted the virus?

Soon hospital officials were taking a second look at the case of a 70-year-old man who died after being brought to the capital late at night from Guinea suffering from kidney failure. A friend who visited him later died under suspicious circumstances, too.

It wasn't renal disease, they then realized. The 70-year-old man had Ebola and all three of the relatives who brought him to the clinic that night had all since been admitted to an Ebola treatment center back home in Guinea.

On Friday, Malian health authorities went to disinfect the mosque where the 70-year-old's body

was prepared for burial — nearly three weeks ago. Already some are criticizing the Malian government for being too slow to react when health authorities had announced his death as a suspected Ebola case earlier in the week.

"It's been 18 days since the Guinean man sick with Ebola died here. It's just too late," said Koumou Keita, his face full of worry.

For nearly a year, Mali had been spared the virus now blamed for killing more than 5,000 people across West Africa despite the fact the country shared a porous land border with Guinea, the country where the epidemic first erupted. Now there are least three confirmed Ebola deaths, and two others suspected deaths in Mali's capital, Bamako. Residents here who have seen the horrific death tolls from Ebola in neighboring Guinea now fear the worst.

"I feel uneasy because I have the impression that

our authorities are not giving us the whole truth," said Ibrahim Traore, who works at a supermarket in the capital. "There are a lot of things not being said about how the Ebola virus came to Bamako."

Health officials now must try to track down not only family and friends who visited the 70-year-old man at his hospital bed, but also the scores of people who prepared his body for burial

and attended his funeral. Teams of investigators are also headed to the border community where authorities believe the Patient Zero in the Bamako cluster — the 70-year-old man — first fell ill.

"The future of Ebola in Mali will depend on the quality of the surveillance of these contacts. If they are rigorously followed, and any subsequent cases are quickly identified and iso-

lated, the battle will be won. But if there are failures in the process, it will lead to further contamination and further problems," said Ibrahim-Soce Fall, Mali's WHO representative.

Among those placed under quarantine are about 20 members of the U.N. peacekeeping force who were treated for battlefield wounds at the Bamako hospital where the dead nurse had worked.

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A girl holds a banner that reads Depontaminare, an analogy with the Romanian term for decontamination, made to include the name of Romania's Premier and presidential candidate Victor Ponta, during celebrations for the victory of his opponent Klaus Iohannis in a presidential runoff in Bucharest, Romania, late Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

(AP Photo/Marius Dumbaveanu)

Romania PM concedes defeat in runoff

ALISON MUTLER
Associated Press
BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Thousands of people gathered in Bucharest to celebrate after Romania's prime minister conceded defeat Sunday night in an extremely close presidential runoff against an ethnic German Transylvanian mayor.

Prime Minister Victor Ponta had been the favorite to win, but was narrowly edged out by Klaus Iohannis, the mayor of the city of Sibiu who promised to crackdown on corruption. Ponta said he had personally congratulated Iohannis.

"We are a democratic country," Ponta said outside the headquarters of his Social Democratic Party two hours after polls closed. "The people are always right."

Exit polls put the results at neck and neck with the

first official results expected early Monday. The winner will replace President Traian Basescu, who is stepping down after 10 years.

Ponta called on some 15,000 protesters gathered outside his offices to listen to his message in an apparent attempt to defuse tensions over difficulties encountered by expatriate Romanians voting abroad. The protest turned into a celebration as the tall Iohannis walked through the jubilant crowd, smiling broadly and shaking hands with people gathered in a square where demonstrators were shot dead during Romania's 1989 revolution.

"Thanks to you, another kind of Romania is beginning," Iohannis said on his Facebook page. "The Romania we want is not one of conflict or revenge."

"Your vote and your word are its foundation. Let's put the first brick on this building

and let it be a lasting one!" About 300,000 Romanians who live overseas voted Sunday, many against the government. There were protests that they had been unable to vote in the Nov. 2 election that led to the runoff.

Some Romanians waved toothbrushes to protest long waits at polling stations abroad and thousands protested in Munich, according to Mediafax news.

Romanians living overseas must vote at polling stations in the countries where they are, and thousands of expats protested after they had to stand in line for hours in cities such as Paris, London, and Munich during the first round. Some were unable to vote.

The government said it had improved the voting procedure this time at facilities, including Romanian embassies.

AROUND THE WORLD

Bird flu outbreak at Dutch chicken farm

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch government has banned the transport of poultry and eggs throughout the country after confirming an outbreak of bird flu at a chicken farm. The Ministry for Economic Affairs said Sunday the outbreak is deadly to poultry and can also be transmitted to humans. Spokesman Jan van Diepen said the exact strain of bird flu has not yet been established. All 150,000 chickens at the farm in Hekendorp were being slaughtered. It was not clear how the farm became infected. As well as halting the movement of poultry, other birds and eggs nationwide for 72 hours, the government is imposing other restrictions, including banning the transport of byproducts such as poultry manure and hay that have been used in poultry farms.

Jamaica police seize pot haul; 7 arrests

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaican police have carried out a series of operations across the island that netted more than 500 pounds of marijuana and led to seven arrests. Officers with the Jamaica Constabulary Force's narcotics division found most of the pot when they stopped a car in Kingston and seized 445 pounds. Six men were arrested. At the wharf in the capital, officers discovered 41 packages containing marijuana hidden in a shipment of chairs destined for the island of St. Lucia. They also seized a smaller amount of pot and made one arrest during a search at Sangster International Airport in the northern tourist town of Montego Bay. Police announced the seizures in a Sunday statement.

Iran opening gold plant, ups production

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian state television is reporting that the country has inaugurated a new gold-processing plant that will double the country's annual production to 6 tons. The report says First Vice President Ishaq Jahangiri attended the inauguration Saturday of the plant near Takab in northwestern Iran. It says the new processing facility, built next to Iran's Zarshouran gold mine, also will produce an estimated 2.5 tons of silver and 1 ton of mercury a year. State television says Iran previously produced an estimated 3 tons of gold a year. This is part of Iran's "economy of resistance" to counter sanctions imposed over Tehran's contested nuclear program. The Islamic Republic is currently negotiating a final deal over its atomic program with world powers.





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New video of MH17 downing shows alarm in Ukraine

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HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP)**

— Four months after Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine, The Associated Press has obtained video that shows how close the burning passenger jet came to hitting village homes and suggests that residents first assumed it was a Ukrainian military plane that had been struck.

The amateur footage, filmed by a resident of Hrabove, shows people reacting in alarm as wreckage blazes only a few meters away from their homes on the afternoon of July 17. The video is perhaps the first taken immediately after the plane came down. The ultimate cause of the MH17 disaster is the subject of major diplomatic disputes. Ukraine and Western government say Russia-backed separatist fighters fired the rockets that felled the plane, while state-run television in Moscow over the weekend produced evidence it claims places blame with Ukraine's air force.

All 298 people aboard the Boeing 777 flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur were killed when it was shot down over a rebel-held area. Charred remains of the aircraft are scattered around fields over an area of 20 square kilometers (8 square miles).

Workers on Sunday began collecting debris from the crash site, under the supervision of Dutch investigators and officials from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The recovered fragments will be loaded onto trains and taken to the government-

controlled eastern city of Kharkiv. The investigation into what happened to MH17 is being conducted there and in the Netherlands.

The recovery operations have been delayed amid continued fighting between government troops and separatist fighters. A truce was agreed in September, but hostilities have raged on nonetheless.

In the video obtained on Sunday by AP, residents of the village of Hrabove can be heard asking about the whereabouts of the pilot. This is significant because multiple Ukrainian military planes had been shot down by this time, and their pilots and crew regularly taken prisoner by rebel forces.

Three days before the MH17 was brought down, rebels claimed responsibility for shooting down an Antonov-24 military transport plane.

The downing of MH17 stunned Ukrainian defense officials. They argued that the aircraft must have been targeted by Russian fighter jets, as it was flying at an altitude of 6,500 meters (21,300 feet), far beyond the reach of the Igla portable surface-to-air missiles then being used by rebel fighters. The plane was flying at 10,000 meters (33,000 feet) when it was hit.

On the day after the Antonov-24 was downed, the Moscow-based LifeNews television channel broadcast the questioning by rebels of a man identified as the Ukrainian plane's pilot.

The afternoon that MH17 was brought down, LifeNews reported unnamed rebel sources as saying another Ukrainian transport plane has been downed.



OSCE members watch as recovery workers in rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine load debris from the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, in Hrabove, Ukraine, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, four months after the plane was brought down. Sunday's operation is being carried out under the supervision of Dutch investigators and officials from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

(AP Photo/Mstyslav Chernov)

Other pro-Kremlin media issued similar reports. They quickly dropped that account as it became evident that a civilian aircraft had in fact been brought down.

The reaction of villagers in the new video suggests their immediate assessment too was that another Ukrainian plane had been struck.

One person can be heard to say: "And where is the pilot?"

Another person answers: "Who the hell knows?"

In another exchange, a person is heard questioning whether more than one plane had crashed, since there was so much debris. People around him quickly correct him to say only one aircraft had come down. □



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Human Toll:

Nowhere to run amid eastern Ukraine crisis

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DONETSK, Ukraine - Teachers preside over half-empty classrooms. Cars breeze through streets once chronically choked with traffic. Restaurant windows are boarded up.

Though exact estimates vary, roughly 1.5 million people have left the rebel-held territory in eastern Ukraine, out of a prewar population of about 4.5 million. United Nations figures suggest that about half went to Russia and half to

hind.

"I would leave if I had anywhere to run to," said Alexei Ivanenko, 38, a now unemployed professor at the once well-regarded Donetsk law school, called the Legal Institute.

Along with the danger of

"In Donetsk, there's no possibility for professional self-realization," Stanislav Klypatsky, 27, a lawyer who moved to Kiev over the summer, said in a phone interview. "It's difficult to live and difficult to work, and then there's a risk of

the academic year.

Ukraine's national security and defense council has said that about 3 million people live in rebel-controlled areas in the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics, defined as the territory inside the so-called line of control along the front at the time the cease-fire was reached on Sept. 5.

Rebel estimates are roughly the same. The website of the Luhansk People's Republic claims a population of 1.22 million, and the site of the Donetsk People's Republic puts the population there at 1.87 million.

Donetsk City Hall, which issues estimates of the population based on the amount of bread bought in stores, says that 800,000 people now live in the city, down from a prewar population of about 1 million.

Many people who returned to rebel-held areas after the cease-fire have come to rue that choice, as the fighting goes on, and even threatens to escalate. This month, even the most jaded in Donetsk were terrified after an artillery shell slammed into a soccer field, killing two teenagers and seriously wounding five people. The abandonment of pets, all too common in war zones, is now plaguing the city, with stray dogs loping through the streets, so accustomed to explosions they hardly react when a shell lands nearby.

Donetsk's main dog shelter, called Pif, after the name of a stray, typically houses 600 dogs, but now has 800 in its care.

"I never imagined so many people would abandon their dogs," Victoria I. Vasiliyeva, the manager, said during a tour of the shelter.



A boy stands next to his home, destroyed in a pro-Russian offensive this summer, in Ilovaisk, Ukraine, in October, 2014. Officially, a cease-fire has been in effect in eastern Ukraine since September, but with war once again looming, things are far from normal in the severely-depopulated rebel-held areas.

(Sergey Ponomarev/The New York Times)

Officially, a cease-fire has been in effect in the rebel areas of eastern Ukraine since September. But with war once again looming, and artillery blasts regularly shaking the night in the capital, Donetsk, things are far from returning to normal. Another clear sign of that is the obvious depopulation of much of the rebel-held territory.

other areas of Ukraine.

Today, for every two people who stayed, one person has left, but the raw numbers do not capture the true nature of the catastrophe. By and large, it is the young, the educated, parents with children and those with means who have left, while the aged, the desperate and the destitute have remained be-

shelling from cease-fire violations by both sides, a deep sense of uncertainty about career prospects looms over the separatist areas. Lawyers, for example, have no obvious role here now, because courts are closed. The first separatist courts are scheduled to open only in December, and no one knows what to expect from them.

death." The headquarters skyscraper of Metinvest, a steel and coal company, is mostly empty, its executives having fled the territory after backing the central government in the summer's battles.

Ukraine has relocated professors and administrators at Donetsk National University to another city, Vinnytya, in western Ukraine, for



Aruba Aloe Makes Pioneering Move to Newly Rejuvenated Main Street

ORANJESTAD—On Friday, November 14, Aruba Aloe held the official grand opening of its new Aruba Aloe boutique on Main Street (Caya Betico Croes 78) in downtown Oranjestad. The opening event was attended by honorary guests including Prime Minister Mike Eman, Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber, and tourism industry professionals. Managing director Joshua Posner pointed out that Aruba Aloe's new store openings are usually much smaller affairs, but this one is particularly special because it also celebrates Aruba's newly enhanced Main Street. "We are proud and excited to have a new store on Main Street. We feel that the changes that have been made to Main Street to upgrade it have made it a true gem of the Caribbean. I have traveled



throughout the Caribbean, and our Main Street has the potential to be one of the most unique and exciting shopping destinations in the Caribbean," expressed Posner. Minister Eman also ad-

dressed the gathering, giving praise to Aruba Aloe's pioneering. He pointed out that while Aruba Aloe has always been an industry leader and risk taker, its recent move to Main Street during the early stages of

the area's rejuvenation exemplifies the company's pioneering once again. He is proud to see businesses such as Aruba Aloe capitalizing on the vision that was conceived for Main Street and concluded with,

"Today is a great day for Aruba."

Minister Eman's address was followed by a ribbon cutting, marking the official opening of Aruba Aloe's 15th retail store. Champagne, hors d'oeuvres,

and steelpan music provided by local musician Lee Connor were enjoyed by the guests as they perused the new boutique. Beautifully and refreshingly appointed, the boutique features locally made furniture from Rustica Designs. Since its soft opening, the store has been exceeding the company's expectations in terms of performance.

Aruba Aloe is known both locally and abroad for its original collections of body and suncare products made from the finest ingredients, including 100% pure Aloe Vera from Aruba. The company has exciting plans for 2015, including new product launches and the introduction of its products for sale in Europe. As always, Aruba Aloe invites both locals and tourists to visit its factory in Hato to take a tour and learn more about the rich history of aloe cultivation and processing on Aruba. □



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PALM BEACH - Island gourmards and vacationers who appreciate fine dining are buzzing about the unique experience of Kitchen Table by White, which opened in Blue Residences this summer. Helmed by Chef Urvin Croes, founder of White Modern Cuisine, Kitchen Table boasts that same attention to detail that made his first venture such a success, along with a vibrant, passionate staff dedicated to the concept of elevating traditional Aruban and Caribbean dishes to the realm of haute cuisine.

"Aruba has more than its share of French/Italian/fast food restaurants and steakhouses," observes Chef Urvin, "but I honestly believe that island visitors are looking for a distinctive



experience, not something they can have at home any time. During their stay, they wish to savor the authentic flavors of the region, and we have sought out fresh, locally grown ingredients and interpreted traditional island dishes in a manner to surprise and please the

most finicky critic." Urvin and his team are all graduates of Aruba's highly-respected EPI Culinary Institute. He continued his studies at the ROC Gild-evaart College, Nieuwegein, then apprenticed at the Brasserie Goeie Luisa, advancing to become their



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Chef de Partie. Urvin further developed his culinary skills during five years at the famed Michelin 5* rated Grand Restaurant Karel V, perfectly his art before returning to Aruba to open his own eatery.

Second in command, Sous Chef Ludovico Henriquez, and the Kitchen Table staff, consisting of Claude Werleman, Moises Ramirez and Jefferson Ramirez, are equally passionate about the concept of food as art. Watching them create the spectacular dishes in the elegant but cozy surroundings is a great part of the evening's entertainment. The multi-course meal is a feast for the eyes as well as the tastebuds; the inventive uses of just-picked regional flowers and herbs such as frangipani, moringa, mata di seda and koko robona are explained, so diners can truly comprehend the careful thought and preparation that goes into each dish.

Rounding out the Kitchen Table culinary team is Res-

taurant Manager and Wine Sommelier Carlito Castillo, who thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of fine vintages and has a deft touch at pairing them to perfection. His enthusiasm for the delicate art of enhancing the flavors of both the wine and food with an ideal match is as infectious as his ready smile and congenial charm. He spent ten years in the kitchens of the Royal Caribbean cruise lines, where as a novice to the food service industry he discovered their wine cellars. His passion for the art won him first place among over 1500 employees during a stringent wine testing contest among all the line's culinary staffers. Discover island cuisine elevated to an elegant but intimate dining experience at Kitchen Table. Seating is extremely limited with only 14 reservations accepted nightly and four held for spur-of-the-moment gourmards. Reserve early online via reservations@ktbywhite.com, or call 528-7015. □



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Kevin Harvick raises his trophy as he celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship series auto race in Homestead, Fla., Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

Associated Press

Harvick wins Homestead to claim 1st Sprint championship

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

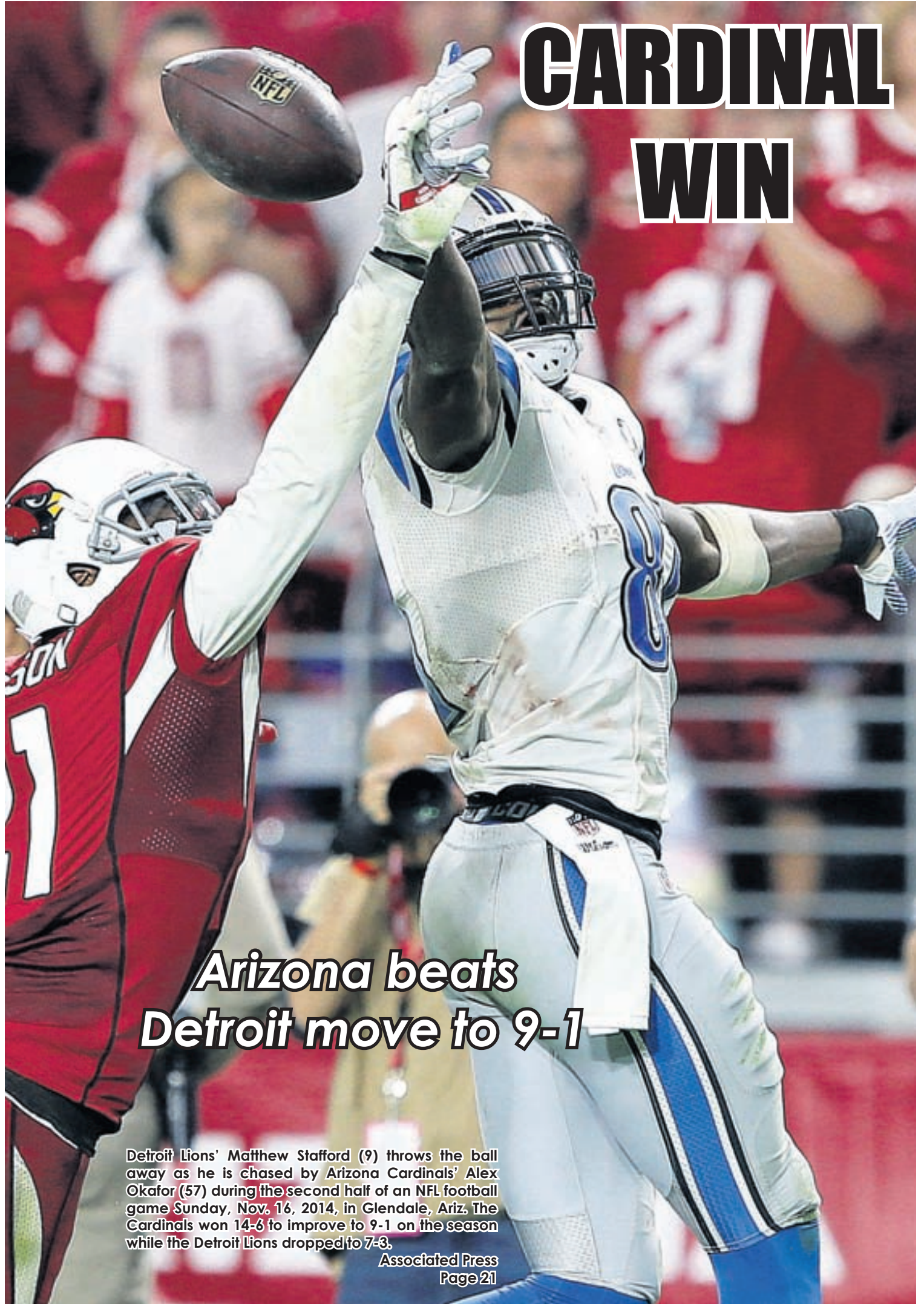
HOMESTEAD, Florida (AP)

— Kevin Harvick charged through the field, picking off car after car, passing two other title contenders on a series of restarts. As he aggressively chased the victory and his first Sprint Cup title, it was clear that winning did indeed matter most in NASCAR's new championship formula.

Harvick won Sunday night's season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway with a desperate drive from 12th to first over the final 15 laps. He didn't have to win the race, he only had to finish higher than the other three title contenders in this revamped Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

But nothing short of a win was going to get it done on a night in which Harvick, Denny Hamlin, Ryan Newman and Joey Logano all showed up determined to claim their first career championship.

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CARDINAL WIN

Arizona beats Detroit move to 9-1

Detroit Lions' Matthew Stafford (9) throws the ball away as he is chased by Arizona Cardinals' Alex Okafor (57) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals won 14-6 to improve to 9-1 on the season while the Detroit Lions dropped to 7-3.

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Harvick

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"You had all the championship guys show up at the front of the pack," Harvick said. "I was just going to hold the pedal down and hope for the best."

The four drivers all found themselves racing each other at the front of the field after the sun went down on the 400-mile race. It was Hamlin, the Charlotte Bobcats season-ticket holder who had Michael Jordan cheering from his pits, who seemed to have the race in control until a caution with 20 laps to go. All four teams were forced to make tough strategy decisions that ultimately decided their fate.

Joe Gibbs Racing decided not to pit Hamlin, which moved him to second on the restart. Richard Childress Racing gave Ryan Newman four tires, while Harvick crew chief Rodney Childers also made the risky call for four tires.



Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship series auto race, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, in Homestead, Fla.

Team Penske had also planned to give Joey Logano four tires, but a problem with the jack destroyed Logano's chances and he plummeted from sixth to 21st, ending his champion-

ship bid.

Harvick restarted 12th with 15 laps to go. As Hamlin passed leader Jeff Gordon on the restart, Harvick shot past four cars to move to seventh.

Then came another caution, and Hamlin, on old tires, knew he was in trouble. Harvick, on four new tires, rocketed through the middle on the restart, dicing his way through traffic to pick up another four

spots and move into second.

"I loved our chances, but they weren't there at the end," said Hamlin. "Strategy is part of winning, and the strategy for us didn't work out with the cautions."

Harvick got by Hamlin, then Newman passed Hamlin for second and the championship became a battle of drivers who had essentially swapped seats this year. There was one more caution, forcing Harvick to nail one final restart with three laps remaining, and he eased his way ahead of Newman and never looked back.

The victory capped a magical first season at Stewart-Haas Racing, where Harvick moved this year after 13 seasons with Richard Childress that failed to produce a championship.

Harvick, who had to win last week at Phoenix just to advance into Sunday's final four, wrapped up his third victory of this Chase and fifth of the season. □

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Anthony and Smith help Knicks snap 7-game skid

By ADRY TORRES
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - One strong defensive quarter helped the New York Knicks end a seven-game skid.

New York held Denver to just one basket in the second quarter en route to a 109-93 victory over the Nuggets on Sunday.

The Nuggets missed their first 15 shots of the period before Ty Lawson's layup at the buzzer ended the nearly 13-minute drought. New York outscored Denver 31-8 in the quarter to blow it open.

"I thought probably defensively that was the difference in that quarter," Fisher said.

"We scored 31 points in the first quarter as well even though it may not have looked as pretty as it did in the second quarter but somehow we found a way to hold them to eight points and I thought that was the difference in the game." Carmelo Anthony and J.R. Smith, who've had their shares of moments grasping the concepts of a new offensive system, each scored 28 points to lead New York. But the Knicks' first win since Nov. 2 against Charlotte boiled down to their defensive effort in the second quarter, which gave them a 62-39 lead heading into the second half.

"I thought in that second quarter we played great defense, buckling down, keeping them out of transition. It led to our offensive end," said Anthony, who made 10 of 14 shots from the field. "Once we got stops on the defensive end, we felt confident enough to go down there and make some shots and run our offense and do

what we had to do."

Aaron Afflalo had 18 points and Ty Lawson added 17 points and nine assists for the Nuggets, who've lost seven of their last eight games. Kenneth Faried chipped in 16 points.

Afflalo, who hit 4 of 5 3-pointers and scored 13 points in the first 12 minutes of the game, had never experienced a slide like the one Denver went through in the second quarter.

"I noticed that we only had scored six points pretty much that whole quarter and I knew we hadn't made a few free throws, but I didn't recognize the fact that we hadn't been able to score the ball from the field," Afflalo said.

Samuel Dalembert had eight points and eight re-

bounds for New York.

Trailing by as many as 25 points after Anthony's shot made it 79-54 for the Knicks with 5:36 left in the quarter, Denver went on a 25-10 run, capped by Nate Robinson's three-point play that made it 89-80 with 8:55 in the final quarter.

But New York pulled away for good with a 13-3 spurt of its own. Amar'e Stoudemire's three-point play made it 92-80. After a free throw by Denver's Alonzo Gee, Smith scored four straight points and Anthony hit a 3-pointer that extended New York's lead, 99-82 with 5:50 remaining. Lawson then added a free throw before Smith answered with a shot beyond the arc that made it 102-83 with 3:58 left. □



New York Knicks forward Amar'e Stoudemire (1) knocks the ball from the arms of Denver Nuggets guard Ty Lawson (3) in the first half of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

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Morneau leads MLB All-Stars to 1st win in Japan

JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Justin Morneau hit a three-run homer and Chris Capuano pitched five strong innings Sunday as the MLB All-Stars beat Japan 6-1 for the first win of their five-game post-season tour.

Morneau, the National League batting champion, drove a pitch from Japan starter Shintaro Fujinami over the wall in right to give his team a 4-1 lead in the third. It was the second homer of the series for Morneau, who also connected for a two-run homer in Game 2.

The win provided welcome relief for an MLB team that was no-hit by four Japanese pitchers in a 4-0 loss on Saturday.

"After getting no-hit yesterday, wanted to come out swinging the bats and we did," Morneau said. "We wanted to come here and represent MLB well. Unfortunately,



MLB All-Stars' Justin Morneau hits an RBI double off Japan's starter Shintaro Fujinami in the first inning of Game 4 of their exhibition baseball series at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

nately, we didn't do that in the first three games but I think we've gotten better." Evan Longoria added to the lead with a solo homer off Japan reliever Minoru Iwata in the sixth.

After losing the first three games of the series and

scoring only four runs, the MLB bats came to life in the first inning. Yasiel Puig doubled on a line drive to left and scored on Morneau's double to right.

The MLB All-Stars added a run in the eighth when Chris Carter scored from third on

Eduardo Nunez's groundout to second.

Jose Altuve singled to right off Fujinami and Puig doubled to left in the second to set the stage for Morneau's blast that gave the MLB team all the momentum they needed.

"The top third of our lineup did an outstanding job," MLB manager John Farrell said. "I think eight out of our 10 hits came from Jose, Yasiel and Justin so that was a big part of our win."

Capuano picked up the win after holding Japan to one run on four hits while striking out four. Fujinami gave up four runs on five hits over four innings to take the loss.

"We dropped the first three games but we have a lot of pride and wanted to bounce back tonight," Capuano said. "The Japan hitters are very good so I was doing my best to keep them off balance and pitch smart."

Japan's only run came in the second inning when Nobuhiro Matsuda doubled off Capuano and scored on Yoshitomo Tsutsugo's double to center.

Japanese pitching sensation Shohei Otani will take the mound in Game 5 before his home fans at Sapporo Dome. Matt Shoemaker will start for the MLB team.



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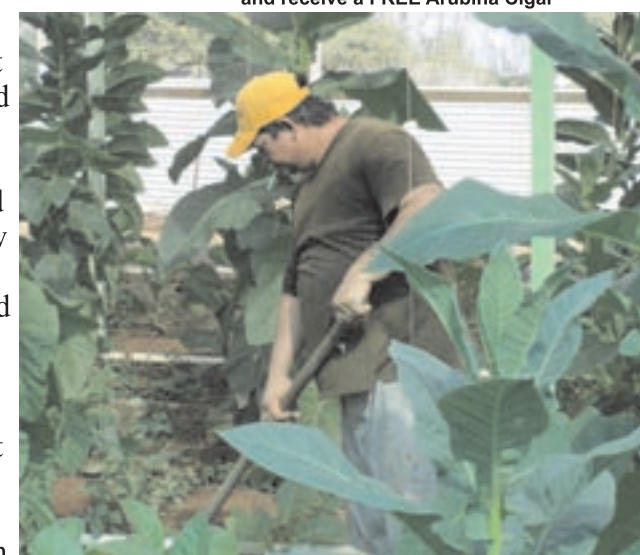
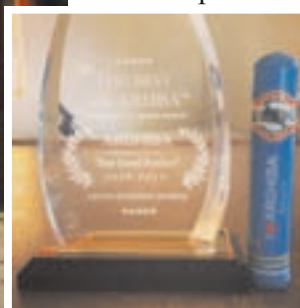


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NFL Capsules

Rams stun Manning, Broncos in 22-7 win

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Shaun Hill was effective in his first start since regaining the quarterback job and the St. Louis Rams defense made life miserable for Peyton Manning in a 22-7 victory over the AFC West-leading Denver Broncos on Sunday. Rookie Tre Mason had 29 carries for 113 yards, the most allowed by the Broncos' top-ranked run defense.

Kenny Britt had four catches for 128 yards with a 63-yard score and Greg Zuerlein was a career-best 5 for 5 on field goals for the Rams (4-6).

Manning was 34 for 54 for 389 yards with two interceptions, but was held to a 42-yard touchdown pass to Emmanuel Sanders, ending a streak of 15 consecutive games with at least two touchdown passes.

The Broncos (7-3) were held to 28 yards rushing and failed twice on fourth down deep in St. Louis territory.

Manning threw incomplete from the 37 in the first quarter and rookie Aaron Donald's sack helped end a drive in the fourth quarter on fourth-and-4 from the 28.

CHIEFS 24, SEAHAWKS 20
KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Kansas City stopped Seattle on fourth down three times late in the fourth quarter, holding on for a tense victory in a matchup of playoff contenders.

Jamaal Charles ran for 159 yards and two touchdowns, and Knile Davis also ran for a score, as the Chiefs (7-3) won their fifth straight game and moved into a share of top spot in the AFC West.

Russell Wilson threw for 178 yards and two touchdowns, and Marshawn Lynch had

124 yards rushing for Seattle (6-4). But the Seahawks' star running back, fresh off a four-touchdown game, was stuffed twice by the Kansas City defense with the outcome hanging in the balance.

The Seahawks' last-chance drive ended when Wilson threw incomplete on fourth-and-18 at their 20-yard line with 1:13 left in the game.

TEXANS 23, BROWNS 7

CLEVELAND (AP) — J.J. Watt caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Mallett, dominated on defense and Houston climbed back to .500 with a win over Cleveland.

Watt was all over the field. Along with his TD, he recorded a strip sack, made five tackles — three for a loss — recovered a fumble and hurried Browns quarterback Brian Hoyer into several bad throws. Watt provided more proof he's the NFL's best defensive player.

Mallett threw a pair of TD passes and finished with 211 yards in his first career start. The four-year veteran was promoted during the bye week after the Texans (5-5) benched Ryan Fitzpatrick.

The Texans played without star running back Arian Foster because of a groin injury, but rookie Alfred Blue stepped in and gained 156 yards on a franchise-record 36 carries.

The Browns (6-4) won't spend a second straight week atop the AFC North. They lost for just the second time in seven games, and Watt is the main reason why.

PACKERS 53, EAGLES 20

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) — Aaron Rodgers passed for 341 yards and three



Cleveland Browns defensive back K'Waun Williams (36) breaks up a pass in the end zone against Houston Texans wide receiver Damaris Johnson in the first quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, in Cleveland.

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touchdowns and Green Bay's defense stuffed high-octane Philadelphia for a rout.

The matchup of NFC contenders quickly became a blowout with the Packers (7-3) racing out to a 30-6 halftime lead. Rodgers threw for two touchdowns in the first half, while Micah Hyde scored on a 75-yard punt return.

Philadelphia (7-3) was held to 11 points below its NFC-leading scoring average by a Packers defense rejuvenated since Clay Matthews moved to inside linebacker.

Green Bay's offense was in good hands again with Rodgers, who broke Tom Brady's NFL record of 288 straight passes at home without an interception.

CARDINALS 14, LIONS 6
GLENDALE, Arizona (AP) — Drew Stanton threw touch-



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning stands on the sidelines during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, in St. Louis. The Rams won 22-7.

Associated Press

down passes to Michael Floyd on Arizona's first two possessions and the Cardinals held Detroit without a touchdown, beating the Lions in a matchup of teams with two of the best records in the NFC.

Stanton, starting after Car-

son Palmer was lost for the season with a knee injury, threw TD passes of 42 and 12 yards. After that, Arizona's offense stalled and Stanton threw two interceptions. But the Lions couldn't convert either turnover into a touchdown.

Federer pulls out of ATP Finals with back injury

SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — In a potential blow to Switzerland's Davis Cup ambitions, Roger Federer pulled out of the ATP Finals less than one hour before his title match against Novak Djokovic on Sunday, handing a third straight title at the year-end event to the top-ranked Serb.

The 17-time Grand Slam champion said he hurt his back in the nearly three-hour semifinal win over Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka on Saturday night in which Federer saved four match points.

"Unfortunately I'm not match fit," the 33-year-old Swiss told the crowd at the O2 Arena. "I tried everything I could last night, also today: painkillers, treatment, rest, so forth, warm-up, until the very end. But I just can't compete at this level with Novak. It would be too risky at my age to do this right now and I hope you understand."

Fans appeared to be supportive with applause for Federer when he spoke.

The Swiss is set to play for Switzerland in the Davis Cup final against France, starting Friday. If he recovers in time, Federer will be

chasing the only major trophy still eluding him. France hosts the match in the northern city of Lille and has opted for clay, a slow surface that could further thwart Federer's chances to perform well.

"I don't think he was calculating and trying to save his body for Davis Cup final," said Djokovic. "This is probably the biggest match of the season next to the final of a Grand Slam. I spoke to him, it's a question mark for the Davis Cup final as well." It was only the third time in Federer's career that he withdrew, each time due to a back injury, following walkovers in 2008 at the Paris Masters and in 2012 in Doha. Following back problems that ruined his 2013 season, Federer enjoyed a superb resurgence this season, losing to Djokovic in an epic Wimbledon final and adding five new titles to his collection.

Federer, the most successful player at the ATP Finals with six wins, also made it to the semifinals at the Australian Open and the U.S. Open and won his 23rd Masters title in Shanghai last month. He remained on course for the year-end No. 1 spot until this week and had dropped just one



Serbia's Novak Djokovic holds up the trophy of the ATP World Tour Finals tennis after a walkover victory due an injury to Switzerland's Roger Federer in London, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

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Christina Kim wins

Lorena Ochoa Invitational

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Christina Kim won the Lorena Ochoa Invitational on Sunday for her first LPGA Tour title in nine years, beating China's Shanshan Feng in a playoff after blowing a five-stroke lead in the final round.

Kim won with a par on the par-4 18th on the second extra hole. The 30-year-old American won for the first time since the Tournament of Champions in November 2005. She also won the 2004 Longs Drug Challenge.

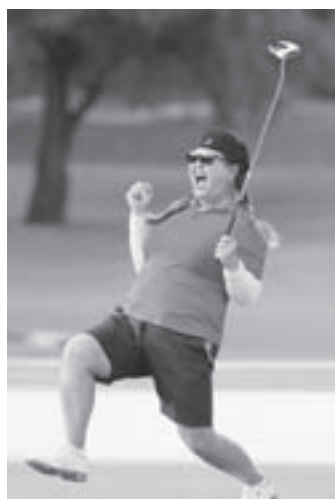
Kim bogeyed the final hole of regulation for a 1-under 71, leaving her tied with Feng at 15-under 273 at Club de Golf Mexico. Feng shot 66.

After bogeying Nos. 14 and 15 to fall into a tie for the lead, Kim rebounded with birdies on Nos. 16 and 17 to take a one-stroke advantage into the 72nd hole.

Feng played the four par-5 holes in 5 under, making an eagle on No. 2 and birdies on Nos. 6, 11 and 17. She won the LPGA Malaysia last month.

Top-ranked Inbee Park was third at 11 under after a 68. Brittany Lincicome and So Yeon Ryu followed at 9 under. Lincicome had a 69, and Ryu shot 71.

Lexi Thompson, the winner last year at Guadalajara Country Club, had a double eagle on No. 2. She finished with a 73, also making two double bogeys, five



American Cristina Kim celebrates after winning the Lorena Ochoa Invitational LPGA golf tournament in Mexico City, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014.

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bogeys and five birdies, to tie for 15th in the 36-player field at 3 under.

set on the way to the final. "I think you have some recurrent things coming back from time to time," the second-ranked Federer said. "It's not that much of a surprise. I must say I've been feeling really good for over a year now, which has been not a surprise, but it's been very nice. So this back spasm, whatever it might be, it's just not a fun thing to have during the day. It's just uncomfortable. But I'm positive and I'm hopeful that it's going to go away very soon."

Djokovic became the first player since Ivan Lendl from 1985-87 to win the year-end event three times in a row but was not in the mood for celebrations.

"You never like to win, especially these big matches against big rivals, with the retirement," said the four-time champion.

Unbeaten on indoor courts

in more than two years, Djokovic finished the season No. 1 for the third time in four years, becoming the seventh man to accomplish the feat at least three times. Besides winning his seventh Grand Slam title at the All England Club, Djokovic was also runner-up at the French Open, and won six titles.

"Right now I'm at the pinnacle of my career," he said, adding that winning at Roland Garros would be one his main goals in future years. "I physically feel very fit. As long as it is like that, I'm going to use these years in front of me to fight for No. 1 of the world and the biggest titles in the sport."

Instead of facing Federer, Djokovic played an exhibition with Andy Murray before a doubles match pitting Murray and John McEnroe against Tim Henman and Pat Cash.

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Startup working to turn hoverboards into reality

MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP) —

The more your knees quiver, the more the 90 pound board you're perched on, floating above a pillow of air, seems about to shoot out from under your feet. A high-pitched engine scream bounces from the sheet of copper as you swivel and glide your way a few feet forward.

This is hoverboarding.

Skateboarding is going airborne this fall with the launch of the first real commercially marketed hoverboard which uses magnetics to float about an inch off the ground. The creators believe their technology will someday be used to transport large containers or hold buildings above earthquakes as the ground shakes below. But for now, it's all about fun, as dem-

onstrated in a recent practice session.

"You can very much tell that it's frictionless so you just smoothly move along, and it's odd because you can move in all directions," said engineer Kyle O'Neil, seated on a copper ramp where they test their products wearing helmets and safety lenses.

But there are some catches. The Hendo currently only works for about 15 minutes before it needs recharging and can only operate over metal surfaces. And that price tag: \$10,000.

Greg and Jill Henderson, co-founders of the firm Arx Pax which developed the Hendo Hoverboard, envision much more.

Sketches of hoverboard parks where people could rent boards and ride up and down ramps, much like skateboard parks, are



In this Oct. 30, 2014 photo, Arx Pax engineer Shauna Moran demonstrates riding a Hendo Hoverboard in Los Gatos, Calif.

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already pinned to the walls.

"This is not the end, this is just the beginning of where this technology can go," Greg Henderson said in his makeshift labs in the Silicon Valley enclave of Los Gatos. He's definitely thinking big.

"The wheel has served us very, very well, and we're not taking the wheel head on, but there are certain places where this may be more appropriate than the wheel," he says.

Here's how it works: four dinner plate-sized hover engines on the bottom of the board create a magnetic field that induces a secondary magnetic field in a conductive surface, in this case copper, although aluminum — even under concrete — works as well. Magnetic levitation trains, currently operating in Asia, work on similar principles. Henderson said the board is the most efficient way of

communicating what the technology can do.

"When you discover that you can levitate a dynamic load in a stationary position, can you think of anything more exciting than a hoverboard?"

Hoverboards captured public interest in the "Back to the Future" trilogy when character Marty McFly hopped on one to escape attackers. There have been some real attempts, and some hoaxes, since then.

The current prototype, designed in part by surfboard shaper Bob Pearson, is broader and wider than a typical skateboard, and fairly slow.

But Henderson is delighted with what they've done so far.

"Last month the Wikipedia entry for Hoverboard said this was a fictional device. It doesn't say that anymore," he said. □

Google signs 60-year, \$1 billion NASA lease

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google has signed a long-term lease for part of a historic Navy air base, where it plans to renovate three massive hangars and use them for projects involving aviation, space exploration and robotics.

The giant Internet company will pay \$1.16 billion in rent over 60 years for the property, which also includes a working air field, golf course and other buildings. The 1,000-acre (400-hectare) site is part of the former Moffett Field Na-

val Air Station on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Google plans to invest more than \$200 million to refurbish the hangars and add other improvements, including a museum or educational facility that will showcase the history of Moffett and Silicon Valley, according to a NASA statement. The agency said a Google subsidiary called Planetary Ventures LLC will use the hangars for "research, development, assembly and testing in the areas of space exploration, aviation, rover/robotics and other emerging tech-

nologies."

Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin have a well-known interest in aviation and space. The company has recently acquired several smaller firms that are working on satellite technology and robotics. But a Google spokesperson declined Monday to discuss specific plans for the property, which is located just a few miles (kilometers) from the company's main campus in Mountain View. NASA plans to continue operating its Ames Research Center on the former Navy site. □

Golden Years: Choosing to Live Abroad in Retirement

CAITLIN KELLY

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It began with a spontaneous kiss from a man she had met only a few days earlier, in a restaurant in Vence, a small town in the South of France. "It was shocking to me," recalled Patrice Smith, when the handsome Dutch computer engineer so impetuously kissed her.

dent for 30 years, was on vacation with friends in 2007 when she met Neelen, then an engineer living in Eindhoven. Within three weeks, he had flown to visit her in Seattle, and within eight months she had moved to live with him; they married in 2010.

Both are now retired - only partly by choice in her

are relocating in retirement to a new country with a foreign-national partner or spouse potentially face even greater challenges as they create new social networks while also learning another language and culture, and integrating into a new way of life. Leaving behind everything and everyone you know, from your

ing a driver's license.

Still, 373,224 retired Americans were living abroad in 2013 - an increase from the 346,216 reported in 2011, according to the Social Security Administration.

The largest number, 68,054, live in Canada, followed by Japan with 32,143, Mexico with 27,512, Germany with 24,499 and Britain with 22,729. Other nations with a large number of retired Americans include Greece, Poland, Italy, Israel and the Philippines.

Smith, who was 54 when the couple met, felt confident about leaving the United States for Europe, having spent two years living in Paris in the late 1980s, working as an accountant. "I'd had a European living experience, so I had an advantage," she said.

Before she made the trans-Atlantic leap, though, the couple got to know one another better through twice-weekly Skype calls and several visits to one another's cities. It was clear from the start that she would move, she said, because "he had a serious job," two teenagers who lived with him and an ailing mother nearby. Her work could be done remotely.

Although Smith was able to rent out her Seattle home fully furnished as a source of income, leaving the United States, she acknowledged, "was terribly scary." "I had always wanted to

marry and thought, 'I have to give this a try,'" she recalled.

Today she loves her new life, and has made many close friends through expatriate women's groups. But it was rough initially, she says: learning a difficult new language, adapting to an unwelcoming step-daughter and caring for Neelen, who has Parkinson's disease.

Another important consideration for anyone choosing to leave the United States is how to handle finances and taxes.

American citizens are subject to American taxation "without regard to where they live," said Ben Garfunkel, partner in charge of KPMG's Global Mobility Services in the United States. "The volume and complexity of filings for a U.S. citizen usually increases," when an American moves to a foreign country, he said. Banking and brokerage accounts might be subject to reporting. "Penalties and obligations often come as an unwelcome surprise, and they don't just affect the wealthy and superwealthy," he added.

A few other things to keep in mind if you choose to retire outside the United States:

- Ensure that all your legal paperwork (like a will or living will) is fully legal in your new country. The U.S. embassy or consulate can recommend an English-speaking local lawyer to help with this.

- Prepare for an emergency by having contacts within the United States and giving them a way to reach you easily.

- Consider enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, a way of registering your presence in a foreign country with the U.S. Embassy or consulate there, so there is an official record of your presence and a way to contact you. AARP offers a Retirement Abroad Tip Sheet on its website. Americans Citizens Abroad, a membership organization for expatriates, and the State Department also offer advice and resources on their sites.



Retirees Patrice Smith and her husband Arlo Neelen, at their home in Eindhoven, Netherlands, in October, 2014. Smith, a Seattle resident for 30 years, has found adjusting to life as a retiree abroad presents a series of challenges — everything from language and cultural barriers to strange grocery labels and new health care systems.

(Herman Wouters/The New York Times)

Now Smith is married to the Dutchman, Arlo Neelen, and the couple lives in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, about 75 miles south of Amsterdam.

Smith, a certified public accountant and Seattle resi-

case. "You can't get a job here very easily if you don't speak Dutch," she said.

Choosing to leave the United States when you are younger and still working can be tough enough. But older Americans who

college roommate to your grandchildren, can create a sense of dislocation.

Everything familiar is new again - from health care systems and social expectations to reading labels at the grocery store or obtain-

Facebook to cut unpaid posts by marketers

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SAN FRANCISCO - Facebook's executives are not terribly worried about upsetting people these days. Flush with profits and a high stock price, Facebook recently shocked investors by saying it planned to spend billions of dollars on projects that might never generate any profits.

And this weekend, the company told marketers that if they really wanted to reach their customers on Facebook, they needed to buy an ad.

The social network announced that starting in

January, it would reduce the number of posts made by brand pages, such as pitches to install a new mobile app or tune into a TV show, that appear in the news feeds of its 1.35 billion global users.

That is likely to mean that fewer fans of a retailer will see its notice about a big sale and fewer fans of a video game company will see a post promoting its latest app.

Unpaid posts will drop out of the news feed even for big advertisers that spend millions of dollars on Facebook ads. But Facebook, which dominates social

media advertising the way Google dominates search, has so much power that they don't have much choice but to switch to paid ads.

"It's a clear message to brands: If you want to sound like an advertiser, buy an ad," said Rebecca Lieb, a digital advertising and media analyst at the Altimeter Group, who was briefed ahead of the announcement.

The change to the news feed is the latest blow to businesses that try to reach customers through their Facebook pages.

Over the past two years,

the social network has repeatedly tweaked the system that decides what people see in the news feed to cut way back on the number of unpaid posts from businesses.

At the same time, Facebook has aggressively promoted its advertising products, such as ads that pop up on its users' mobile phones urging them to install a new app. In the third quarter, Facebook reported a 64 percent increase in advertising revenue to \$2.96 billion and said ad prices rose 274 percent compared with the previous year.

How much less will you spend on gas next year?

Jeff Ostrowski

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. --

Pump prices are poised to stay below \$3 a gallon through 2015, the federal government says, a prediction welcomed both by beleaguered consumers making do with measly raises and by automakers eyeing the fat profits on gas-guzzling SUVs.

In a sharp shift from earlier forecasts, the Energy Department said last week that the average price of gasoline in the U.S. will drop below \$2.94 a gallon next year. If the prediction comes true, U.S. consumers would spend \$61 billion less on gas compared with this year.

"Lower gas prices are like a tax cut in that they inject billions of dollars into the economy," said AAA spokesman Michael Green.

That sounds like big money, but some wonder if the vaunted tax-cut effect is overstated. Consider this scenario: Say you drive 15,000 miles a year in a vehicle that gets 20 miles per gallon. If average gas prices drop 45 cents a gallon from 2014 to 2015 as the Energy Department expects, you'd save \$6.49 a week -- a nice gift, perhaps, but far from a wind-fall.

"It definitely puts money in the pocket of motorists," said Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University in Texas. "But drivers have grown to believe -- wisely -- that price changes are very temporary, so they don't change their consumption patterns."

Of course, there's no guarantee that pump prices really will stay below \$3. As U.S. oil production has risen and economies in Europe and Asia have slowed, the world has a glut of oil -- for now. But OPEC and U.S. drillers could scale back production, oil experts say, and that would re-balance the supply-and-demand

equation.

AAA's Green noted that the Energy Department took the "very bold" move of slashing its forecast for next year by 44 cents a gallon from last month's prediction.

"That shows how volatile the situation is right now," Green said. "There's an enormous wild card in the price of crude oil."

Bullock was similarly uncertain about the Energy Department's outlook.

"I'm cautiously optimistic about that -- but very cautiously optimistic," Bullock said.

Consumers already have begun to react to the decline in gas prices by buying more gas. Automakers report rising sales of full-sized pickup trucks and SUVs, and declining sales of compact cars.

"We're seeing a shift from our smaller, higher fuel-efficiency cars and a move toward vans, trucks and SUVs," said Earl Stewart, owner of Earl Stewart Toyota in Lake Park, Florida. Stewart isn't complaining -- Toyota makes more by selling a Tundra truck than a gas-sipping Prius, he said.

Sellers of luxury cars also have seen gas mileage take a back seat.

"Three or four years ago, everyone was very concerned about fuel efficiency," said Jim Horton, general manager at Jaguar Aston Martin Palm Beach. "It doesn't seem to be at the forefront any more." While oil is a major cost for many companies, it's unclear where consumers might find savings as prices for crude oil fall. Florida Power & Light, for instance, now produces less than 1 percent of its energy from oil -- so the drop in oil prices won't translate to lower power bills.

"We used to use a lot more oil, but over the last decade, we've reduced that 99 percent," said Sarah Gatewood, spokeswoman for Florida Power & Light. □

Your Money: Vigilant Eye on Gender Pay Gap

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The first step is admitting you have a problem, but it's another thing to actually address it.

Take the gender wage gap, for example. Women continue to make less than men for the same work, but a growing number of companies are quietly acknowledging that resolving the issue will require more effort than they've put forth so far. That means enlisting special teams to analyze

cated assessments needed to tease out gender bias, academics said, and the depth of employers' human resources systems vary. But several companies - from diaper purveyors to military contractors who have them in place - said these systems had also helped them begin to tackle another related challenge: Why are so few women at the top of the organizations (or even the top of the middle)?

Flexible work schedules

For some employers, a big motivation for running pay analyses is still to avoid lawsuits. Federal contractors must have the information on hand for potential audits. And soon, as part of the Obama administration's efforts to close the pay gap, contractors with 100 or more employees may need to file annual equal pay reports with the federal government, detailing salaries across job categories.

"They are doing it proac-



Christina Knowles, executive director at Boston Women's Workforce Council, in Boston, Nov. 14, 2014. The council, created last year, has convinced 54 employers in the area to sign its "compact," where employers agree to take steps to close the pay gap and share pay data by gender and race -- anonymously, for now -- so the council can track the city's progress.

(Katherine Taylor/The New York Times)

whether their women are paid on par with equivalent men, job by job, then devising plans to fill in any gaps.

A majority of large companies in North America say they have dedicated teams running these pay equity analyses, but only 46 percent of them think their approach is statistically robust. Even fewer say they have a formal process to fix any inequities, according to a recent report by Mercer, the consultant, which examined 164 (mostly large) companies in 28 countries, employing more than 680,000 women.

Employers need to keep several data points on their workers to run the sophisti-

and generous leave policies aren't enough to solve that issue, and, in fact, can hurt women who use them if they aren't managed properly, research has found. But employers who actively manage pay equity tend to have positive ripple effects, consultants said, including more women in their senior ranks.

"You used to run these analyses only when risk and compliance had a concern," said Pat Milligan, president of Mercer's North American region. "Now, you are seeing companies - technology, consumer products, health care - do it to stay competitive, and they are doing it as part of an integrated strategy."

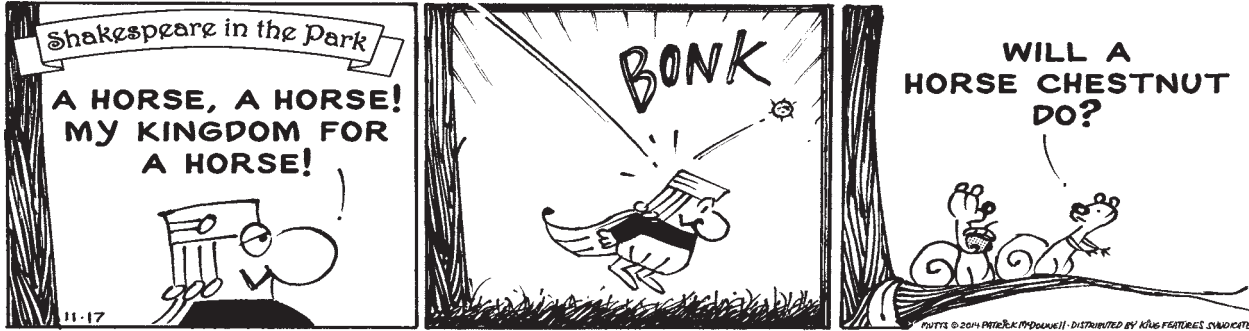
tively, but it is a proactive response to risk," said Dr. Brian Levine of Mercer's workforce strategy and analytics group, who said more companies had become interested in the reporting over the last five years.

Gap, the retailer, made a big splash this year when it said it had "equal pay for equal work," after validating its own findings with an independent external review.

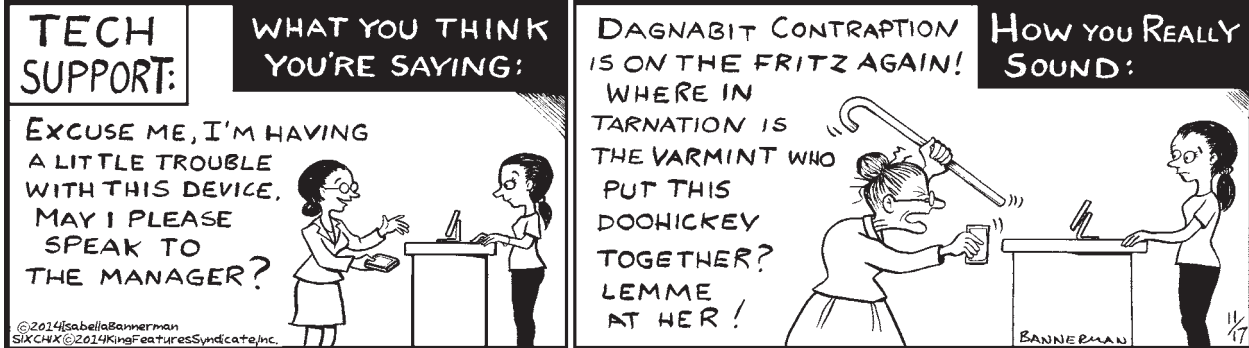
Kimberly-Clark, maker of Kotex and Huggies diapers, built an analytics team over the last few years, which includes regular pay equity reporting.

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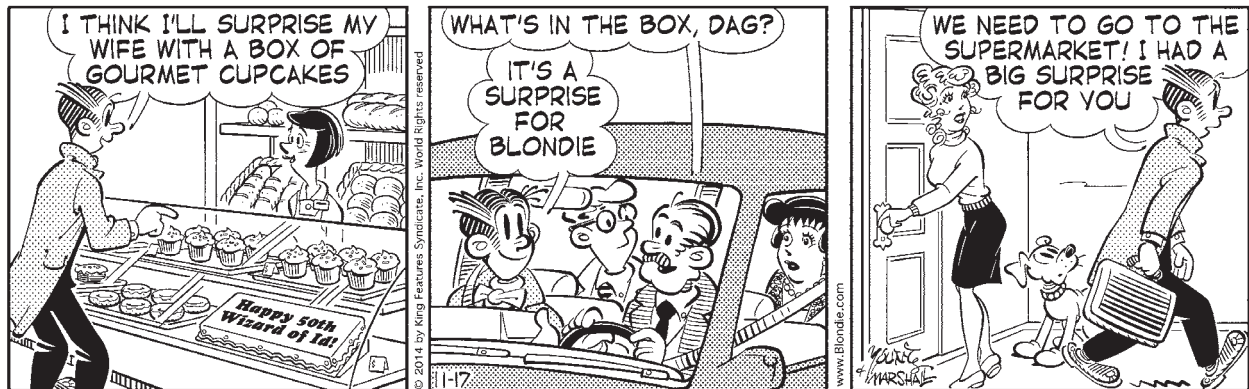
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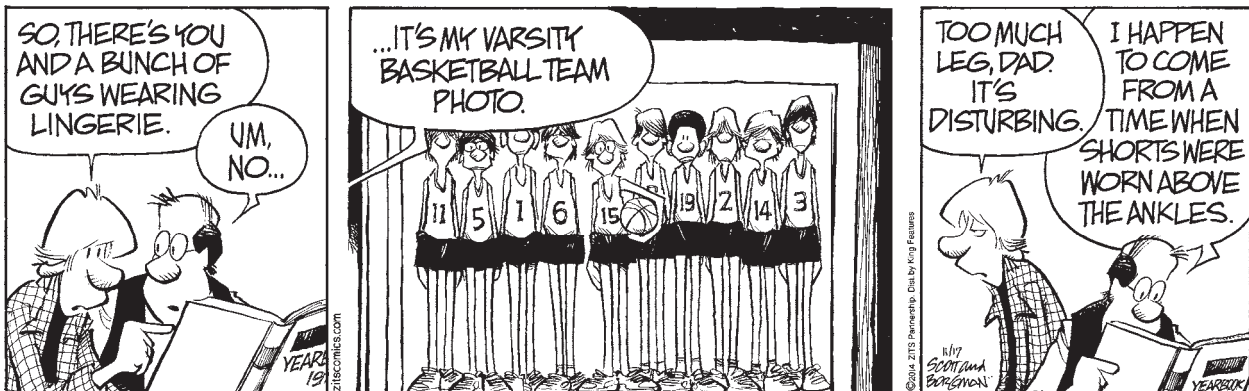
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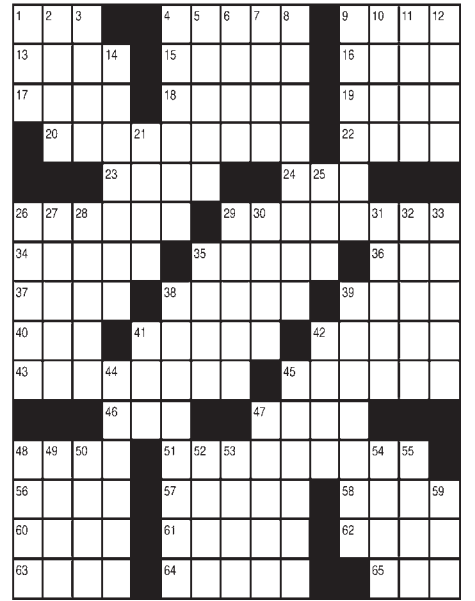
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

4	1	2	6	7	9	3	5	8
3	8	9	5	2	1	6	4	7
6	5	7	3	8	4	2	9	1
1	2	5	8	9	6	7	3	4
8	6	3	1	4	7	9	2	5
7	9	4	2	3	5	8	1	6
9	7	6	4	1	2	5	8	3
2	3	1	7	5	8	4	6	9
5	4	8	9	6	3	1	7	2

ACROSS

- Piece of china
- Deep audible breaths
- ___ in; wearing
- "___ sesame!"; Ali Baba's cry
- Scouting group
- Theater box
- Days of ___; times long past
- Jewish leader
- Press clothes
- Good ___; healthy eating
- Nervous
- ___ away; subtract
- Religious sister
- One of thirteen on the U.S. flag
- Very clean
- Beside the ___; irrelevant
- Most-populous nation
- 2,000 pounds
- Fork time
- Sudden attack
- ___ about time!; words to the tardy
- Candid
- Sign of life in the wrist
- Seminary subject
- Deceived
- Early flower
- Go ___; accompany
- High point
- Unflinching
- Play-Doh, e.g.
- Lead; steer
- Egghead
- Story
- Change slightly
- Very excited
- Drove too fast
- Goes before others
- Actress Myrna



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Playfully shy
- Come ___; find
- Lima's nation
- Bowler's delight
- In a rage
- Asian desert
- Drifter; tramp
- Twirling
- Customer
- Poet Alfred, ___ Tennyson
- Very eager
- Declare untrue
- Taking home, after expenses
- Engrossed
- Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
- Banana ___; ice cream treat
- Fang
- Dishwasher cycle
- Bogus
- Skating oval
- Know-___; smarty-pants
- Clamor
- Stopped
- Rugged cliff
- ___ son; boy in a Gospel story

- Hurrying
- Good reason to call in sick
- Deep holes
- Minded
- Penny-pinchers
- Got just one's feet wet
- ___ up; misbehaves
- Applaud
- Man or boy
- Donkey
- Pocket bread
- Calf meat
- Thus
- 24-hour period

Your Money

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But the team also identified points where women were hitting a glass ceiling - two rungs up from entry level, and just before being promoted to a director. Since then, they've shepherded more women to the upper ranks: Now, women hold about 30 percent of director-level jobs or higher, she said, up from 17 percent in 2010.

"They have a developmental plan and we try to make sure we stick to it," said Sue Dodsworth, the company's global diversity officer.

Raytheon, a military and aerospace contractor, has been running pay equity analyses for 14 years, and said it had absolute pay parity across genders, something it says the government has verified through audits. Keith Peden, senior vice president for human resources and security, said all senior managers had real-time comparison tools on their desktops when making pay decisions. "These tools that we use help shape the behavior," he said.

But one woman who works Raytheon's engineering department, who did not want to be identified because she feared reprisals, said she felt the performance rating system was opaque. In her unit, she said the male-dominated culture made it difficult for women to move ahead. Peden acknowledged that as a male-dominated industry, the company had to work twice as hard to recruit and retain female engineers.

The city of Boston, through its Women's Workforce Council created last year, may have one of the more interesting strategies, bringing together the public and private sectors. So far, the council has persuaded 54 employers in the area to sign its "compact"; employers agree to take steps to close the pay gap and share pay data by gender and race - anonymously, for now - so the council can track the city's progress, said Christina M.



Flexible work schedules and generous leave policies aren't enough to solve the issue of why so few women at the top of organizations (or even the top of the middle), and, in fact, can hurt women who use them if they aren't managed properly, research has found.

(Robert Neubecker/The New York Times)

Knowles, the group's executive director. The companies - Raytheon, State Street, MassMutual, BJ's Wholesale among them - will report base salaries and bonuses by job category, in addition to job-related data that many larger companies must already report to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Naturally, paying women and other minorities what they're worth will cost employers more money. The

amount varies, but often runs about 0.5 to 0.8 percent of total payroll, according to Levine, in addition to any budget for merit increases. But what looks like a rounding error for big companies can translate into hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars for women over their careers.

Other factors contributing to pay inequity, academics have found, is that women are less inclined to ask for raises. □

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Archaeologists dig at ancient site near Syrian war

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Associated Press

GAZIANTEP, Turkey (AP)

— Archaeology and war don't usually mix, yet that's been the case for years at Karkemish, an ancient city along the Turkey-Syria border where an excavation team announced its newest finds Saturday just meters (yards) from Islamic State-controlled territory.

Karkemish, dating back more than 5,000 years, is close to the Syrian city of Jarablous, which now flies the black banner of the Islamic extremist group.

U.S.-led coalition aircraft flew overhead as Nicolo Marchetti, a professor of archaeology and art history of the University of Bologna. He is the project director at Karkemish, where the Turkish military let archaeologists resume work in 2011 for the first time since its troops occupied the site about 90 years ago.

"Basically we work 20 meters away from the Islamic State-controlled areas," Marchetti said, standing at the site, which is guarded by more than 500 Turkish soldiers, tanks and artillery. "Still, we have had no problem at all. ... We work in a military area. It is very well protected."

The project, which also includes archaeologists from Gaziantep and Istanbul universities, is doing the most extensive excavations at Karkemish in nearly a century, building on the work of British Museum teams that included T.E. Lawrence, the adventurer known as Lawrence of Arabia.

Marchetti said the plan is to open the site to tourists next spring. A concrete barrier,

about four meters high, will be installed at the site.

"This will be a total protection for the tourists," he said. The strategic city, its importance long known to scholars because of references in ancient texts, was under the sway of Hittites and oth-

was completed just a few years ago.

Archaeologists are completing their fourth season unearthing the secrets of Karkemish along the Euphrates. The name Karkemish means "Quay of (the god) Kamis," a deity at the

gazelle. An orthostate is an upright stone or slab that forms part of a structure.

The archaeologists also found a mosaic floor in the palace of Sargon II, who reigned around 700 B.C. over Assyria, an ancient empire mostly located in

The team began its project in 2011 around the time that the Syrian uprising against President Bashar Assad was escalating. About one-third of the 90-hectare (222-acre) archaeological site lies inside Syria and is therefore



Archaeologists stand at a site outside Karkemish, Turkey, meters away from the Turkey-Syria border and the Syrian city of Jarablous, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014

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er imperial rulers and independent kings.

However, archaeological investigation there was halted by World War I. It was stopped again by hostilities between Turkish nationalists and French colonizers from Syria who built machine gun nests in its defensive walls. Part of the area was mined in the 1950s, and in later years, creating deadly obstacles to excavation. Demining

time in northern Syria. Stone monuments decorated with sculptures, hieroglyphics and more than 20 meter-high city walls attest to the influence of the town.

Among this year's finds were sculptures in the palace of King Katuwa, who ruled the area around 900 B.C. There were five large orthostats in limestone and basalt, a dark grey to black rock, that portray row of individuals bearing gifts of

Mesopotamia. And the team finished exploration of the ruins of the expedition house of Lawrence of Arabia, who worked at Karkemish between 1911 and 1914.

off-limits; construction and farming in Jarablous have encroached on what was the outer edge of the ancient city. Most discoveries have been made on the Turkish side.



'Dumb and Dumber To' tops box office with \$38.1M

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At the movies, idiocy never goes out of style.

Twenty years after the 1994 original, "Dumb and Dumber To" opened with \$38.1 million at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Universal sequel debuted almost exactly two decades after the Farrelly brothers first introduced the Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels low-IQ duo.

"Dumb and Dumber To" edged out the animated Disney adventure "Big Hero 6," which took in \$36 million in its second week. Christopher Nolan's sci-fi epic "Interstellar" slid to third in its second week with an estimated \$29.2 million. The film continues to blast off overseas, where it took in \$106 million over the weekend, with sales particularly boosted by a strong opening in China.

The top three films took up

the lion's share of the box office, with the no. 4 film, the romance "Beyond the Lights," opening with a distant \$6.5 million.

In a Hollywood constantly updating, rebooting and sequelizing old properties, "Dumb and Dumber To" was still unique. In between installments, there was also a 2003 prequel, though it was made with different actors and wasn't directed by Bobby and Peter Farrelly.

"This was a gamble," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "Cinematic history is littered with long-lead sequels that just haven't worked."

"It's always a risky move to wait this long, but in this case, the casting of Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels really made a difference," he added.

Most delayed sequels — "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," "Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Jim Carrey, left, and Jeff Daniels in a scene from "Dumb and Dumber To."

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Skull" — depend on the addition of a new, younger star like Shia LaBeouf. The closest comparison to "Dumb and Dumber To" might be 1998's "Blues Brothers 2000," made 18 years after the original. But with John Goodman stepping in for John Belushi, it opened with just \$6.1 million.

Staying power is rare in comedy, where chemis-

try is especially difficult to regain. But "Dumb and Dumber To" gave moviegoers a chance to see Carrey back in his old, physically comedic form. It's his best live-action debut since 2003's "Bruce Almighty." The project, though, took years to get off the ground and was independently produced by Red Granite Pictures before Universal signed on to distribute.

Made for about \$40 million, "Dumb and Dumber To" catches up with Lloyd and Harry in middle age.

"There was the battle of 'That was then, this is now,' and, 'It's not going to work.' All those guys keep their job by saying no," Daniels said in an earlier interview. "But we kept going, 'How can this miss?' Jim and I would look at each other and say, □

Actor Patrick Dempsey honored for cancer care



PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Maine-born actor Patrick Dempsey returned home to accept an award for his work helping cancer patients. Dempsey — most famous for his role as Dr. Derek Shepherd in the TV series "Grey's Anatomy" — and the Jackson Laboratory were awarded the Maine Creative Industries Award on Saturday in Portland. Forty-eight-year-old Dempsey was inspired by his mother's battle with ovarian cancer to help found the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope &

This photo provided by Emilie, Inc. shows, at left, Jean Maginnis, founder and executive director of the Maine Center for Creativity, actor Patrick Dempsey, center left, and Jackson Laboratory president and CEO, Edison Liu, center right, and Jamie Morin, the president of the Maine Center for Creativity's board of directors, Dempsey and Liu where honored at the second biennial Maine Creative Industries Award at a gala celebration in Portland, Maine, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014.

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Healing at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. His mother. □

Aniston ready for a 3rd 'Horrible Bosses' movie

NICOLE EVATT

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jennifer Aniston said she pushed her sex-crazed dentist character as far as she could in "Horrible Bosses 2,"

but she's willing to try again in a third installment.

Asked if another sequel is in the works, the actress replied, "I don't know," she said. "It's up to you all."

"Horrible Bosses 2," the follow-up to the 2011 hit, opens Nov. 24.

It stars Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day as amateur entrepreneurs who get caught up in a kidnapping scheme when their business deal with a conniving investor, played by Christoph Waltz, goes awry.

The actors improvised a lot during filming, Aniston said



This photo released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia Harris, D.D.S., in New Line Cinema's comedy, "Horrible Bosses 2," a Warner Bros.

Associated Press

in a recent interview, until it became a gross-out contest between the stars.

"This one went into a territory that I think just wasn't even funny," she said. □

Jennifer Lawrence: Privacy loss takes heavy toll

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Lawrence says she knew being a movie star would bring with it a certain loss of privacy. What she didn't know, she says, was the deep emotional and even physical toll it would take. "I knew the paparazzi were going to be a reality in my life," the 24-year-old Oscar winner said in an interview Saturday.

"But I didn't know that I would feel anxiety every time I open my front door, or that being chased by 10 men you don't know, or being surrounded, feels invasive and makes me feel scared and gets my adrenaline going every day."

Lawrence was recently in the news when private nude photos of her and other celebrities were hacked, then posted online. She took the forceful position then that the hacking was not a scandal but "a sex crime."

The actress spoke to the AP Saturday while promoting "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay: Part 1," the third installment of the blockbuster franchise that catapulted her to stardom. "You can say,

'This (invasion of privacy) is part of my job and this is going to be a reality of my life,'" Lawrence said, "but what you don't expect is



Actress Jennifer Lawrence poses for photographers upon arrival to the world premiere of the film The Hunger Games Mockingjay Part 1 in London, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014.

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how your body and how your emotions are going to react to it."

And yet, she added with her typical candor, the general public isn't very sympathetic to such celebrity complaints: "Nobody wants to help us because it seems like, you know, 'Shut up, millionaires!'"

Sitting alongside her co-stars Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth, Lawrence told the AP that although she adores her job, "There are some things that

I couldn't really prepare for."

As an example, she described checking into a hotel and opening the window to discover "a team of paparazzi outside that are shooting up into my hotel room."

And we can't ask them to move because they're on public property. And they can photograph me because I'm a public person or can chase me because I'm a public person."

"If these laws are going to

be in place to protect the press and to protect the paparazzi and to protect the news," she said, "then new measures need to be made, because this is an entirely new phenomenon. This didn't exist 200 years ago."

"And my belief, and it's something I am going to work very hard on changing and I hope it changes before I die, is to make it illegal to buy, post or shop a photo that's been obtained illegally,"

she said. "I have photographers that jump my fence ... if somebody jumps my fence and takes a picture through my window of me naked, that's illegal, but the photos can still be everywhere (online) the next day, and that makes no sense!"

Lawrence told Vanity Fair not long after the hacking episode,

in which the photos were posted on various websites, that even those who looked at the photos online were perpetuating what she called the sex crime.

Calls for more policing of the Internet have clashed with concerns that such actions could mute its role as a megaphone for exposing abuses in government and elsewhere.

A "safe harbor" clause in the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act absolves websites of legal liability for most content posted on their services. The law, known as the DMCA, requires websites and other Internet service providers to remove a piece of content believed to be infringing on a copyright after being notified of a violation by the copyright owner.

Though some websites pulled the naked photos of Lawrence and others, it didn't happen quickly enough to prevent people from making their own copies on personal devices. □



In this Nov. 6, 2014 file photo, entertainer Bill Cosby pauses during a news conference.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Cosby will not dignify "decade-old, discredited"

claims of sexual abuse with a response, his attorney said Sunday, the first comment from the famed comedian on an increas-

Lawyer: Bill Cosby won't address 'decade-old' claims

ing uproar over allegations that he assaulted several women in the past.

In a statement released to The Associated Press and posted online, lawyer John P. Schmitt said the fact that the allegations are being repeated "does not make them true."

"He would like to thank all his fans for the outpouring of support and assure them that, at age 77, he is doing his best work," Schmitt said. The renewed attention to a dark chapter for Cosby began last month when a

comedian, Hannibal Buress, assailed him during a stand-up performance in Philadelphia, Cosby's hometown, calling him a "rapist." His remarks were captured on video and posted online, gaining wide exposure.

It was harsh criticism of the veteran entertainer known equally for his charming standup comedy, ethnically groundbreaking 1984-92 NBC TV sitcom "The Cosby Show" and demands for personal responsibility directed at fellow African-

Americans.

Adding to the growing firestorm: One of Cosby's accusers, Barbara Bowman, leveled allegations of sexual assault against him in interviews and in an online column for the Washington Post. Bowman wrote that in 1985, she was 17 and an aspiring actress when Cosby "brainwashed me into viewing him as a father figure, and then assaulted me multiple times."

Cosby, who was never criminally charged in any case. □

China, America, Coal and Climate



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It's easy to be cynical about summit meetings. Often they're just photo ops, and the photos from the latest Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting, which had world leaders looking remarkably like the cast of "Star Trek," were especially cringe-worthy.

At best - almost always - they're just occasions to formally announce agreements already worked out by lower-level officials.

Once in a while, however, something really important emerges. And this is one of those times: The agreement between China and the United States on carbon emissions is, in fact, a big deal.

To understand why, you first have to understand the defense in depth that fossil-fuel interests and their loyal servants - nowadays including the entire Republican Party - have erected against any action to save the planet.

The first line of defense is denial: There is no climate change; it's a hoax concocted by a cabal including thousands of scientists around the world. Bizarre as it is, this view has powerful adherents, including Sen. James Inhofe, who will soon lead the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Indeed, some elected officials have done all they can to pursue witch hunts against climate scientists.

Still, as a political matter, attacking scientists has limited effectiveness.

It plays well with the Tea Party, but to the broader public - even to non-Tea Party Republicans - it sounds like a crazy conspiracy theory, because it is.

The second line of defense involves economic scare tactics: Any attempt to limit emissions will destroy jobs and end growth. This argument sits oddly with the right's usual faith in markets; we're supposed to believe that business can transcend any problem, adapt and innovate around any limits, but would shrivel up and die if policy put a price on carbon. Still, what's bad for the Koch brothers must be bad for America, right?

Like claims of a vast conspiracy of scientists, however, the economic disaster argument has limited traction beyond the right-wing base. Republican leaders may talk of a "war on coal" as if this were self-evidently an attack on American values, but the reality is that the coal industry employs very few people.

The real war on coal, or at least on coal miners, was waged by strip-mining and natural gas, and ended a long time ago. And environmental protection is quite popular with the nation at large. Which brings us to the last line of defense, claims that America can't do anything about global warming, because other countries, China in particular, will just keep on spewing out greenhouse gases. This is a standard argument at think tanks like the Cato Institute and among conservative pundits. And, to be fair, anyone proposing climate action does have to explain how we can deal with the free-rider problem of countries that refuse to contain emissions.

Now, there is a good answer already available: "carbon tariffs" levied against the exports of countries that refuse to join in the effort to limit emissions. Such tariffs probably wouldn't even require any change in existing trade law, and they would provide a powerful incentive for holdouts to get with the program. Still, until now, the suggestion that China could be induced to participate in climate protection was informed speculation at best.

But now we have it straight from the source: China has declared its intention to limit carbon emissions.

I know, I know. The language is a little vague, and the target levels of emissions are much higher than environmental experts want. Indeed, even if the deal were to work exactly as stated, the planet would experience a highly damaging rise in temperatures.

But consider the situation.

America is not exactly the most reliable negotiating partner on these issues, with climate denialists controlling Congress and the only prospect of action in the near future, and maybe for many years, coming from executive orders. (Not to mention the possibility that the next president could well be an anti-environmentalist who could reverse anything President Barack Obama does.) Meanwhile, China's leadership has to deal with its own nationalists, who hate any suggestion that the newly risen superpower might be letting the West dictate its policies. So what we're getting here is more a statement of principle than the shape of policy to come.

But the principle that has just been established is a very important one. Until now, those of us who argued that China could be induced to join an international climate agreement were speculating.

Now we have the Chinese saying that they are, indeed, willing to deal - and the opponents of action have to claim that they don't mean what they say.

Needless to say, I don't expect the usual suspects to concede that a major part of the anti-environmentalist argument has just collapsed. But it has. This was a good week for the planet. □



The World Is Fast



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We've just had a nonsense midterm election. Never has more money been spent to think so little about a future so in flux. What would we have discussed if we'd had a serious election? How about the biggest challenge we're facing today: the resilience of our workers, environment and institutions.

Why is that the biggest challenge? Because: The world is fast. The three biggest forces on the planet - the market, Mother Nature and Moore's Law - are all surging, really fast, at the same time. The market, i.e., globalization, is tying economies more tightly together than ever before, making our workers, investors and markets much more interdependent and exposed to global trends, without walls to protect them.

Moore's Law, the theory that the speed and power of microchips will double every two years, is, as Andrew McAfee and Erik Brynjolfsson posit in their book, "The Second Machine Age," so relentlessly increasing the power of software, computers and robots that they're now replacing many more traditional white- and blue-collar jobs, while spinning off new ones - all of which require more skills.

And the rapid growth of carbon in our atmosphere and environmental degradation and deforestation because of population growth on earth - the only home we have - are destabilizing Mother Nature's ecosystems faster.

In sum, we're in the middle of three "climate changes" at once: one digital, one ecologi-

cal, one geo-economical. That's why strong states are being stressed, weak ones are blowing up and Americans are feeling anxious that no one has a quick fix to ease their anxiety. And they're right. The only fix involves big, hard things that can only be built together over time: resilient infrastructure, affordable health care, more start-ups and lifelong learning opportunities for new jobs, immigration policies that attract talent, sustainable environments, manageable debt and governing institutions adapted to the new speed.

That's just theory, you say? Really? Look at one aspect in one country: Mother Nature in Brazil. On Oct. 24, Reuters reported this from São Paulo: "South America's biggest and wealthiest city may run out of water by mid-November if it doesn't rain soon. São Paulo, a Brazilian megacity of 20 million people, is suffering its worst drought in at least 80 years, with key reservoirs that supply the city dried up after an unusually dry year." Say what? São Paulo is running out of water? Yes.

José Maria Cardoso da Silva, a Brazilian and senior adviser at Conservation International, explains: The drought hit a landscape that had been stripped of 80 percent of the natural forest along the Serra da Cantareira watersheds that feed six artificial reservoirs sustaining São Paulo. The Cantareira supplies nearly half of São Paulo's water. The forests and wetlands have been replaced by farmfields, pastures and eucalyptus plantations. So today the pipes and reservoirs that gather the water are still in place, but the natural infrastructure of forests and watersheds has been badly degraded. The drought exposed it all.

"Natural forests act like giant sponges soaking up rain and gradually releasing it into streams," he said. "They also protect watercourses and maintain water quality by reducing sediment and filtering pollutants. The forest loss in Cantareira increased

erosion, caused the decline in water quality, and changed seasonal water flows, reducing the resilience of the entire system against climatic extreme events." The Cantareira system has fallen below 12 percent of capacity. Sadly, deforestation increased under Brazil's newly re-elected president, Dilma Rousseff, but this was also barely an issue in Brazil's election. Yet Reuters quoted Antonio Nobre, a leading climate scientist at Brazil's National Space Research Institute, arguing that "global warming and the deforestation of the Amazon are altering the climate in the region by drastically reducing the release of billions of liters of water by rainforest trees. 'Humidity that comes from the Amazon in the form of vapor clouds - what we call 'flying rivers' - has dropped dramatically, contributing to this devastating situation we are living today,'" Nobre said.

Paul Gilding, the Australian environmentalist and author of "The Great Disruption," emailed from Brazil to say that the lack of a serious Brazilian response "reinforces to me that we're not going to respond to the big global issues until they hit the economy. It's hard to imagine a stronger example than a city of 20 million people running out of water. Yet despite the clear threat, the main response is 'we hope it rains.' Why such denial? Because the implications of acceptance are so significant, and we know in our hearts there's no going back once you end denial. It would demand that the country face up to the urgency of reversing rather than slowing deforestation" and "the need to prepare the country for the risks that a changing climate presents."

When changes in the market, Mother Nature and Moore's Law all get this fast, opportunities and stresses abound. One day, we'll have an election about how we cushion, exploit and adapt to them - an election to make America and Americans more resilient. One day. □

Stores Are Facing Off Over Opening on the Holiday

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This Thanksgiving, the open-versus-shut debate has grown even louder.

Wal-Mart, Kmart, Macy's, Target, RadioShack and

In a big difference from last holiday season - when more retailers decided to open their doors on Thanksgiving with enticing deals - this year others are firing back and promoting their

major retail chains plan to stay dark on Thanksgiving, including Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Burlington Coat Factory, Crate and Barrel, Dillard's, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and

- it's not so much about the family; it's all about business," said Bartlett, who is studying for an MBA at Columbia.

GameStop stores will open at 12:01 a.m. on Black Fri-

Buffalo, New York, threatened to fine retailers about \$200 an hour if they don't open at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Carrie Gleason, director of the Fair Workweek Initiative, a campaign pushing retailers to adopt schedules that are more friendly to workers, said, "What's different from years past is there are more and more retailers coming out publicly and saying, 'We're staying closed on Thanksgiving.' They want to demonstrate to their customer base that they're family-friendly."

More than 55,000 people have signed a petition on change.org urging Target to remain closed on Thanksgiving, while the Boycott Black Thursday Facebook page has more than 87,000 likes.

Wal-Mart officials say they are doing consumers a favor by opening on Thanksgiving. To reduce the long lines that have upset many shoppers on Black Friday, Wal-Mart announced Tuesday that it would spread Black Friday over five days. "It became Black Friday, then it became Thursday, and now it's becoming weeklong," said Duncan Mac Naughton, chief merchandising officer at Wal-Mart. "Maybe it's going to be November."

The University of Connecticut Poll conducted a survey last November that found that nine out of 10 Americans said they didn't plan to spend Thanksgiving hunting for bargains, while 7 percent said they planned to visit stores on Thanksgiving Day.

The poll of 1,189 adults, with a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percent, found that 49 percent disapproved of stores opening on Thanksgiving Day, with 16 percent approving and 34 percent neutral.

Last Thanksgiving, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Sears and Target all opened at 8 p.m. This year, Kmart plans to open at 6 a.m. and remain open for the next 42 hours.

"All these companies were closed for decades," said Stuart Appelbaum. □



Sidney Bartlett, the manager of a GameStop, speaks with a customer at the chain's Herald Square location in New York, Nov. 15, 2014. The retailer is promoting its decision to not open on Thanksgiving Day as a matter of its family-friendly priorities, and more than two dozen major retail chains plan to likewise remain closed.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

many other major retailers are proclaiming they will be open Thanksgiving Day to make shoppers happy. But Costco, Marshalls, GameStop and T.J. Maxx are riding the backlash against holiday commerce by boasting that they will not relent: They will remain closed that day to show that they are family-friendly and honoring the holiday. But even as retailers vie for every dollar during a very competitive season, Tony Bartel, the president of GameStop, views this debate as open-and-shut.

"For us, it's a matter of principle," said Bartel, whose company has 4,600 stores nationwide. "We have a phrase around here that we use a lot - it's called 'protecting the family.' We want our associates to enjoy their complete holidays."

decision not to join the rush to push Black Friday into Thanksgiving Day. They are happy to tell the world that they will remain closed on a beloved American holiday. "It's an important holiday in the U.S., and our employees work hard during the holiday season, and we believe they deserve the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving Day with their family and friends," said Richard A. Galanti, executive vice president and chief financial officer at Costco Wholesale, the nation's second-largest retailer after Wal-Mart. "We've never opened on Thanksgiving, and when the trend to do so occurred in the last couple or three years, we chose not to because we thought it was the right thing to do for our employees."

More than two dozen ma-

Patagonia.

Johan Araujo, a senior game adviser at GameStop's flagship store in Herald Square in Manhattan, applauded his company's decision.

"It's good to know they're thinking about us and what we want," he said. His plans involve cooking the turkey for his fiancée and friends this year.

Sidney Bartlett, the manager of Araujo's store, said when the store used to be open on Thanksgiving - it started closing for the holiday last year - it was painful to figure out which employees to inconvenience and schedule to work that day. "I thought it's great the CEO decided to close for the holiday," he said.

He said it saddened him to see so many stores open that day.

"We've shifted as a nation

day, and they expect a crush of customers to snap up new versions of the exceptionally popular games "Call of Duty," "Halo" and "Assassins Creed."

"We don't believe we will lose any ground to competitors," said Bartel, the company's president. "Even if we lose some ground to competitors, we are making it corporate principle - we have committed to associates that we will not open on Thanksgiving."

Pushed by competitive forces, some malls are opening on Thanksgiving Day for the first time. In Paramus, New Jersey, Westfield Garden State Plaza and Paramus Park will open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., prodded by Macy's decision to open its stores in those malls.

Walden Galleria, a mall with more 200 stores near